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COLONIAL SECRETARY REPLIES TO CRITICISMS OF S. T. & I.

Government Determined To Get To Root Of All Charges And Rumours Appeal To General Public

"I welcome this opportunity of bringing the matter out into the open," declared the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall, in Legislative Council yesterday, when he replied to the demand on the first day of the Budget debate by the Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau for an investigation into the running of the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry.

Hong Kong "Office" Of Smugglers

Shanghai, April 1.
A well-organised protection racket for smugglers in South China is being operated by bandits allegedly under Communist leadership, the American-owned "Shanghai Evening Post" reported today. It quoted travellers from Hong Kong and Canton.

Communist troops have formed a powerful bodyguard for the smugglers, the paper said. It added that "tax collecting" stations were maintained at Kowloon, Taipo and Hong Kong from where the Communists provide "adequate protection" for smuggled goods and their carriers.

The customs services was said to be powerless to cope with this well-organised band "which collects 10 per cent on the value of goods in return for free and unhindered transportation."

"The traders are not looted by the bandits and are even provided with special passes issued and signed by the Red leader."

Other powerful groups of brigands "rule the smuggling trade on the West River where they are in possession of a large fleet of junk which carry tung oil, hog bristles and other vegetable oils to the Portuguese Colony of Macao."

The paper said an air route was utilised for smuggling valuables such as gold bars and United States dollars between Canton and Kowloon, capital of Yunnan Province, for export to Burma and India.—Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 31.

President Truman today ordered the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Government's electric power project, to draw up plans for increasing the power output for armaments production.—Reuter.

Debate On Czech Coup D'etat

Lake Success, Mar. 31.

Chile called on the Security Council today to set up a sub-committee to investigate the accusation that the Soviet Union interfered in the affairs of Czechoslovakia.

Senor Hernandez Santacruz (Chile), opening the debate on his country's charges that Russia was responsible for the Communist assumption of power in Prague on Feb. 24, accused M. Andrej Gromyko

(Russia) of having given expression to the "uncontrolled explosion of a coarse bully" in his refutation of the charge in a previous debate.

"This was an eloquent revelation that he could not bolster his weak position except by impudent invectives," he said, "but we cannot be allowed by cheap calumny and insults."

Senor Santacruz said he had the names of six Czechoslovaks who were ready to present evidence before any organ of the United Nations.

As additional proof, he said, there was the circumstantial evidence of Russia's political part, and particularly her actions in Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary.

"One of these days, all these events will have to be examined together when the United Nations decides to investigate the expansion of Soviet Imperialist totalitarianism."

He then asked the Council to appoint an investigating sub-committee similar to the one appointed in 1945 to deal with the Russian issue.—Reuter.

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In a lengthy defence of the Department, Mr. MacDougall said he himself had been implicated in one of the rumours about the S. T. & I. and was said to have been enriched in one of its transactions.

Government was determined to get to the root of the charges and rumours concerning the Department and he appealed to the public to come forward and tell Mr. Shafton what they know.

After Mr. MacDougall had finished speaking, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo expressed the horror of the Unofficial members at the implication against the Colonial Secretary who, he said, had their complete confidence.

MR. KENNIFF

Housing Applications Delay

The Director of Public Works (Mr. V. Kenniff) replied to complaints about delays in dealing with applications for land for houses in response to Government's announcement of August 1947.

These fell under two groups, those for building houses for sale or for renting, and those for applications for own occupation.

Under the first category only one out of 20 applications complied with requirements, and a reply from Government could be expected in the near future.

The 46 applications under the second category all fell within hitherto undeveloped areas and time was required for their consideration.

The 13 missing sites mentioned by Mr. M. K. Lo had been refused.

Regarding children's playgrounds, delay in their rehabilitation had been due to the necessity of giving priority to housing and materials for housing, important as the need for playgrounds was.

Funds had been provided in the Estimates and it was hoped that at least some of the playgrounds would be rehabilitated in the coming year.

Kowloon Roads

Replying to Mr. Leo d'Almeida's complaint of the condition of public roads in Kowloon, Mr. Kenniff said that considering the

years of the occupation, during which nothing was done in maintenance, it was gratifying that we had any roads at all. The delay in post-war work on road repair was due to loss of plant and equipment during the war, and these had to be replaced.

Explaining heavy cost of maintenance of vehicles the D.P.W. said cost of normal conditions of army type vehicles, on which the Colony has had largely to depend, was very expensive.

This condition could only improve with imports of new vehicles.

Of the present 700-odd vehicles only 50 percent were still of the military type.

Another reason was that Government has to carry its own insurance.

Speaking of revenue of \$5,000,000 from Water Account, Mr. Kenniff said he agreed water should pay for itself no more than actual expenditure and this was the aim of Government; but unfortunately since the reoccupation due to abnormal conditions had not been possible to strike this happy balance.

Loss on working account for 1947/8 was \$1,000,000; and that for 1947/8, \$1,000,000. On the figures presented in the Budget the deficit for the current year would be \$500,000, and the only way to meet this was an increase of charges for water, a step which was inevitable if the wishes of honourable members were to be met.

THE D.M.S.

Cheung Chau Hospital For T. B.

The Hon. Dr. Isaac Newton, D.M.S., referred to the difficulties in the way of a serious attack on the problem of tuberculosis in the Colony, and said that it was intended to make full use of the hospital at Cheung Chau for convalescent cases and to spend roughly \$1,000 a day on extra foods for tuberculosis patients.

Everything possible will be done to the same end, to improve home conditions and to assist patients in obtaining suitable light work during their rehabilitation period.

Regarding the regulation requiring official signatures on vaccination and inoculation certificates, Dr. Newton said that the regulations were not made by the Hong Kong Government. It was pointed out that the Philippines, China, Macao, Australia, Iran, South Africa and Egypt announced that only certificates with official signatures will be recognised by them, and they have all done so, then no relaxation of the regulations in Hong Kong can afford the issue.

Dealing with criticism of the conditions prevailing at the Mental Hospital, he said that fortunately the treatment given to mental patients does not depend entirely on the building, and added that regulations are going ahead for the appointment of a psychiatrist.

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He said, are apt to give a false impression of the work achieved there. In actual fact, last year of 300 cases admitted, 225 were cured, 200 were discharged, 25 were still in hospital, and 25 were recovered that it was able to return them to their homes.

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Hong Kong Importers' Complaint

Canberra, Mar. 31.
Mr. R. T. Pollard, Australian Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, said today that he was investigating reports that beef extract had been sent to Hong Kong packed in ink bottles.

The Hong Kong Trade Commissioner was sending him samples, and if the offence were proved, Mr. Pollard added, the firm responsible would be refused further licence to export.

Export licences, he said, would be refused to all exporters who ignored warnings about shoddy packing of goods.

The standard of packing generally in the Commonwealth was "pretty good," but some mushroom firms were exporting badly packed goods, damaging Australia's goodwill in foreign markets.—Reuter.

No Post-June Dates For Elizabeth

London, Mar. 31.

Princess Elizabeth had made no further engagements after June, a Buckingham Palace official told Reuter today, but he refused to comment on persistent rumours that the heiress to the Throne and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, were expecting a baby in October.

The usual procedure for announcing an expected birth in the Royal Family is an official notice from a Royal residence that "so and so will not, for the next few months, be undertaking any further engagements."

These announcements, in the cases of the Duchess of Kent and the Duchess of Gloucester, came four full months before the births of their children.

It has been confirmed by Buckingham Palace that a nursery floor is being built into Clarence House, St. James Palace, which will not be ready for Princess Elizabeth and her husband until early next year.

It has also been announced that Princess Elizabeth has given up horseback riding, love or which she shares with her husband.

An official at Norman Hartnell, the Queen's dressmaker, who made Princess Elizabeth's wedding dress for her marriage last Nov. 20, told Reuter today that the Princess had ordered new clothes for the summer.—Reuter.

Mr. Morse On US Aid To China

San Francisco, Apr. 1.

Arthur Morse, chief manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, arrived here today in the "President Cleveland," and said there is a possibility the United States can win China into her camp if she will give immediate and ample financial aid.

But how much aid the United States should give and what exact form it should take I would not even attempt to guess. Conditions in China are chaotic and anyone who can work out a solution can earn big money.

The Chinese sometimes have a strange way of working out their own problems. The Orient is a strange place.—United Press.

Food Flow To Britain

Ottawa, Mar. 31.

Britain and Canada are shortly to announce a short-term extension of the present arrangements for financing British food purchases in Canada.

As a result of the agreement, there will be no scaling down in the flow of Canadian wheat, meat, eggs and cheese tomorrow when the credits granted by Canada to Britain in January come to an end.

The extension will cover the period between tomorrow and a date when the United States ERP becomes available to Britain.

The new arrangements involve concessions on both sides.—Reuter.

C-I-N-C OPTIMIST

Manila, Mar. 31.

Admiral Sir Donald Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, a unit of which is now visiting Manila, said in a press interview today: "I believe that there is no immediate danger of another world war."

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Guerilla



One of sixteen women guerrillas captured in Greece following the shelling of Salonika. She was later placed on trial for murder and treason.

Electricity Nationalised Sixth Step In Labour's Plan Domestic Rates Increased

London, Apr. 1.

Britain took ownership at midnight of all the nation's electricity utilities, the sixth major enterprise to be nationalised under the Labour Government's programme.

One of the first developments under state control will be higher rates for a large proportion of domestic consumers in urban areas.

Chairman of three of the 14 Area Boards that will administer the industry said that domestic rates would have to be increased to meet rising costs including higher prices for coal.

George Gibson, Chairman of the North-Western Electricity Board, said "the price of domestic electricity has for some years been uneconomically low and the prices would have been increased even though the board had not taken over the undertakings."

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FINNS GET STUBBORN

Helsinki, Mar. 31.

Finland's insistence that Soviet Russia should send her military aid only if apologetically asked for, has caused a hitch in the Finnish-Soviet negotiations for a military assistance and friendship pact.

President Juho Paasikivi, his Cabinet and leaders of Parliamentary political groups are meeting tonight to work out fresh instructions for the Finnish delegates who have been negotiating the pact in Moscow for the past week.

A compromise solution is being sought, it was understood.—Reuter.

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AMMUNITION THEFT

MAGISTRATE RULES NO CASE TO ANSWER

There was not sufficient evidence to issue a warrant of arrest against the defendants, whom, it had been shown, were mixed up in the theft, Mr. Latimer remarked when he ruled that the two defendants had no case to answer on the original charges of the larceny of 244 boxes (86,796 rounds) of .38, and 480 rounds of .455, revolver ammunition from Stoncutters Island on Feb. 9.

Fresh charges of aiding and abetting will be preferred against Li Lau, 28, and Li Fuk-chuen, 35, who are both represented by Mr. A. S. C. Comber, who will make his defence submission based on the new charges at 2.30 p.m. today.

In the witness box first defendant, who said he had been a shrimp fisherman all his life, told the Court that on the eve of the Chinese New Year (Feb. 9) his friend, Kan Tau, whom he had known for about seven years, and Mo Lo-so, a newly-acquired friend, approached him offering a coolie job and promising to pay between \$20 and \$30.

He rowed them to Stoncutters Island where he saw an Indian policeman shining a red lamp on them from the shore near a gate. Two sampans went to the island and there were altogether 10 men. Seven went ashore, while defendant and two others stayed aboard. He waited for about two hours, during which time the seven men were busy carrying out certain boxes. He did not know what they contained and did not make inquiries. As there was a policeman present defendant contended that nothing illegal had been done.

He was then instructed to go to a certain wreck, where the boxes were dumped into the water. The boxes were carried by his sampan only while second defendant's vessel was some distance away, he said. Defendant said he could not estimate the number of the boxes nor their weight. After the job was done he rowed back to the Yaumati shelter and slept. The men left him.

Under cross-examination by DSI Serage, defendant said he forgot that the Stoncutters Island area was prohibited. He had heard about it a long time ago. He did not know that Kan Tau and Mo were reputed "water rats"—Chinese term for petty thieves. When he got apprehensive while rowing towards the island he was assured by his employers that there was nothing to worry over and that the job they were going to do was an honest one as there would be a policeman watching.

Li also told that he met a friend at a mahjong game, who brought him to see one "John" to whom he related the incident.

John instructed them to meet him at a tea house, while he reported to the police what had occurred.

Asked why he had "sneaked," defendant said he wanted a reward.

Second defendant in the box said that Li approached him about a coolie job for \$30 on Feb. 9. (That was not paid until his arrest, he added.) He was not told of the destination and the nature of the job, except that he was to row some people. He knew that the island was a prohibited area and felt suspicious when he was directed towards it, defendant said. He refused to go near the shore and told the men inside his vessel to go into the other sampan if they wanted to land. That was before he saw a red light shining from the shore. He could not see the man behind the lamp, as he was about 100 feet away and visibility was not good.

Too Dark

The men went ashore in Li's sampan, and he waited for about an hour before they returned. Defendant said he could not see distinctly what was going on ashore as it was too dark and he was far away. He did not see the Indian policeman. The three men who were originally in his craft then boarded his sampan again and instructed him to follow the first sampan to a wreck, where he waited for about five minutes, after which he was told to row back to Yaumati by Kan Tau. Defendant said he did not see anything being dumped into the sea, but added that he saw something looking like boxes in the other vessel.

Defendant said that he did not know anybody in the sampan, except first defendant. Cross-examination by DSI Serage, defendant denied he had said he saw "several small boxes being carried into his own sampan," in the statement made in the Charge Room. He also denied that the statement was read out to him before he was asked to sign it.

The Chinese interpreter, who assisted DSI Serage in taking the statements of both defendants at the Station, was put into the box. He said he read out the document to defendant, who agreed it was right and signed it.

Scottish Dancing at the European Y.M.C.A. will not take place today. Dancing will be resumed on April 10.

Old BOAC Service To Be Resumed

The Hong Kong office of BOAC announce that starting on Wednesday, April 7, the former shuttlecock service between Hong Kong and Singapore, via Bangkok, will be restored.

The service will be in addition to the existing direct twice-a-week flight between Hong Kong and Singapore. First aircraft on the restored shuttlecock route will leave Singapore on April 7, stay overnight at Bangkok and arrive in Hong Kong on the following day.

The flying-boat will leave Hong Kong on Friday, stay overnight in Bangkok and arrive in Singapore on Saturday. This will start a regular schedule for the shuttlecock service which will be: leave Singapore on Wednesday, arrive Hong Kong Thursday; leave Hong Kong Friday, arrive Singapore Saturday.

Radio Rep. Co. Forming

It is hoped that during the next few weeks it will be possible to form a Radio Repertory Company to take part in plays, children's hour and feature programmes over Z.B.W.

The first production will be a thriller serial, in ten episodes entitled "Wanted on Voyage." This is a tale of murder and excitement set on the high seas written by Jack Shepherd—a young author living in Hong Kong, whose short stories will be familiar to many of our listeners.

Will anyone who is interested in radio work and who would like to join this Radio Repertory Company contact Mr. D. Keith Hardy at Broadcasting Studios, 2nd floor, Gloucester Building.

Revised Estimate

As a result of minor changes recommended by the Select Committee on the Appropriation for 1948-49, estimate of expenditure for the coming year has been raised to \$150,284,105 from \$149,005,007.

The Gala Premiere of "Carnege Hall," the whole of the proceeds of which were donated to The Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, realised the sum of \$10,004.50. The Women's Auxiliary of the Society wish to thank United Artists, the management of the Lee Theatre and Messrs. Moutrie & Co. for their generous assistance.



"Unscrupulous Traders" In Powdered Milk

Local markets are denuded of evaporated milk, as no supply is coming in. As a result, people have to turn to powdered milk, and "these unscrupulous people" are taking advantage of this opportunity. Price Control Chief Inspector J. H. G. Pitman told the Court at Kowloon yesterday.

Fifteen profiteers were summoned for overcharging and selling Government-controlled goods without price tags.

Most of the price violators appeared on second offences and their pleas ranged from "total ignorance to not being notified in time of price changes. Fines between \$25 and \$50 were imposed by Mr. Blair-Kerr. The overcharges were from 5 cents to \$1.70.

Tsang Sze-on, of Cheung Kee, No. 11A, Granville Road, was fined \$75 for selling a 1-lb. tin of Nestlé's malted milk at \$2.40 (\$2.30).

Poon Wan, of Wing Sang, No. 457, Nathan Road, was fined \$75 for selling two oranges at 35 cents each (25 cents each).

Wong Ming, of Wing Chuen Drug Co., No. 588, Nathan Road, was fined \$225 for selling a 2 oz. tin of Allen & Hanbury's glycerine pastilles at \$1.70 (\$1.25).

Yim Wai-long, of Tin Sun, No. 122, Shanghai Street, was fined \$250 for selling a 10-lb. tin of Meltonian shoe polish at 50 cents (30 cents).

So Mui, of Yat Chang Fruit Stall, No. 4, New Market, was fined \$40 for selling an orange at 30 cents (25 cents).

Leung Yot-kin, of Kam Kee Fruit Store, No. 11, New Market, was fined \$75 for selling two oranges at 30 cents each (25 cents) and an apple at 35 cents (30 cents).

Wong Fat, of Wing Woo Electrical Co., No. 781, Nathan Road, was fined \$300 for selling a G.E. fluorescent lamp (40 W) at \$8.00 (\$5.00).

Fat Cheong, No. 1028, Canton Road, was fined \$100 for selling a cake of Lever's health soap at 80 cents (\$5.00).

"Cowlac" Wong Kwok-keun, of Kwong Tung Cheung, No. 239, Cheung Sha-wan Road, was fined \$275 for selling a 12-oz. tin of Cowlac full cream powdered milk at \$1.55 (\$1.45).

Ho So, of Chung Shing Electrical Co., No. 21, Boundary Street, was fined \$175 for selling a 40W. Sylvania fluorescent lamp at \$9.00 (\$5.30).

Wong Chiu, of Yick Fung, No. 67, Nam Chang Street, was fined \$325 for selling a catty of imported flour at 80 cents (55 cents).

Lau Chuen, of Ching Yuen & Co., No. 15, Nathan Road, was fined \$65 for selling a 5-lb. tin of Meltonian shoe polish at 50 cents (30 cents).

Ngai Hon-mian, of Wing Hung, No. 16, Pak Tai Street, was fined \$100 for selling a box of Three Doubles of Sunlight soap at \$2.40 (\$2.10).

H.K. Cotton Mills Buy New Site

The Hong Kong Cotton Mills, Limited, established in the Colony about six months ago, acquired a 524,950-square-foot factory plot at yesterday's Crown Land Auction for \$740,000—\$102,575 above the upset price.

There were only four bids, two by an elderly Chinese, representing interests in Chungking, and two by Mr. A. Drummond, of the China Engineers, agents for the Hong Kong Cotton Mills.

The land, which lies off Causeway Road at Cheung Wan, is at present occupied by 16 Chinese shipyards who were given notice last month to quit within three months. The Government will consider any alternative sites suggested by the affected shipyard owners.

The purchasers of the land will have to spend \$4,000,000 in rateable improvements and complete a factory building within three years. The only domestic structures that will be allowed to be built will be housing accommodation for staff and workmen.

When completed the factory will be the Colony's fifth cotton mill and will have in operation more than 25,000 spindles. It will also be the Hong Kong Cotton Mills' second factory. One has already been erected at Hung-hoi.

Naval Officers Detained

The former Commander of the Fourth Naval Base in Canton, Commander Ching I-tun, has been placed under house arrest for alleged implication in a recent large-scale smuggling incident in which the Chinese sloop, "Chung Ting" was allegedly involved.

The report added that the master of the "Chung Ting," Captain Yeh has been detained and will shortly be escorted to Nanking for investigation.

The arrests were made following an inquiry into the smuggling incident by a Special Commission of Inquiry sent from Nanking to the Kwangtung capital.

MOF Representative In Singapore

With a view to increasing the flow of food from South-East Asia to the United Kingdom, a Ministry of Food representative has been sent out to work within the organisation of the Special Commissioner.

He is Mr. A. R. Pratt, an expert on food matters, who for some years was chief representative of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation in the Middle East. Later he became Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Food, M.E., with headquarters in Cairo.

His appointment is the result of recommendations to London by the Special Commissioner, Lord Killearn.

In commercial life, before the war, Mr. Pratt's business brought him frequently to South-East Asia.

The system by which local firms have hitherto communicated with the Ministry of Food, that is to say, through their London houses, will not be affected. Mr. Pratt will, however, be in Singapore to interpret the Ministry's views, needs, and desires. His presence should obviate a large amount of long-distance correspondence.

In essence the post is designed to benefit the tightly rationed people of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Pratt proposes to visit various countries of South-East Asia with the intention of uncovering additional sources of food which may be surplus to the requirements of the region. All forms of foodstuffs will come within the range of his investigations, especially edible oils and fats.

Firms wishing to contact Mr. Pratt can do so through the Special Commissioner's Office in Singapore where his headquarters are established.

To Be Wed

The forthcoming weddings have been announced. Mr. & Mrs. Lewis McCham, Mr. & Mrs. Tamar, to Miss Gladys Winifred Peat, 280, The Peak.

Mr. Paul Walter Calderara, 62, MacDonnell Road, to Miss Patricia Beatrice Hopkins, en-route to Hong Kong.

Mr. Valdemar Yushenkov, Peninsula Hotel, Radio Technicians, to Miss Maria Zacher, 5 Hillwood Road.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ORDERS

Orders by Mail, Form A, of Ambulance Commissioner, St. J. A. D. O. Form A, 1948, dated 2nd April 1948.

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Human Rights, Theory And Practice

Before a large audience at yesterday's weekly tiffin of the Y's Men's Club at the Hong Kong Hotel, Mr. C.B.B. Heathcote-Smith, Political Advisor to Government, gave an interesting and illuminating talk on "Human Rights—Theory and Practice."

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Walter M. Weinberger, Chairman, British Stores Disposal Board.

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Gambling School On Ferry

The "Man Kun," one of the Yau Ma Tei ferries, was the scene of a gambling school last Thursday afternoon, when the "inland deckers" were lured to make some money.

The career of the makeshift school, however, was ephemeral. It survived the 10-minute trip across the harbour from Hong Kong to Kowloon.

When the "Man Kun" berthed alongside the Jordan Road Wharf, Detective Constable 145 went into action and consequently a 27-year-old unemployed was brought to the Station and charged with operating a gambling school.

At Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, appearing before Mr. Latimer, Yan Shum, of No. 68, Shingfat Street, second floor, was fined \$500 or six months.

Confiscated by Police were \$23 cash and playing cards. The money is to go to the Poor Box, the cards destroyed.

Inspector Orem prosecuted.

Readers' Letters

"Dry-Cleaning"

Sir,—I must apologise for my dry cleaning... or so-called dry cleaning in the Colony. There can be few things so useful as having had some similar experience.

In my own wardrobe, more than one dress, which had been garment now reduced to a shabby order at the hands of the cleaning establishments to a board-like rigidity and the loss of several inches in every direction.

It would appear that the facilities for genuine dry cleaning do not exist in Hong Kong. There may be a few dry cleaners who can dry clean by hand, but for the vast majority of firms, to accept work specifically for dry cleaning, knowing that facilities are non-existent, is unacceptably "business" amounting to sharp practice.

The matter is not so easy to find, for few people, despite their justifiable grievance, are prepared to go to the trouble and expense of taking civil action.

To report the matter to the Police, as many people have done in the past, is of little avail unless a sufficient number of people lay complaints at that system, or continuity of this kind of sharp practice, which borders on fraud can be proved. Then, the authorities may feel justified in taking action. This would seem to be the only remedy, or hope of remedy, and I hope that a number of complaints submitted will be enough to justify some sort of action before our wardrobes have been completely ruined.

CANDIDA

Handicraft Exhibition

A handicraft exhibition, displaying various articles produced by students of local schools, will open today on the second floor of Messrs. Sincere Company Ltd. The exhibition closes next Wednesday.

Thirty-three schools are taking part in the exhibition, with metal, wood and paper articles and needle-work and embroidery.

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 31. Talks between a British official mission and the Brazilian authorities have been concluded and an official statement is being drafted and will be issued shortly. It was learned officially last night. Reuter.

Britain's Record

Mr. Heathcote-Smith declared that Great Britain had as fine a record in human rights as any other country and proceeded to denounce what had become regarded as essential human rights in a system of Government where human rights could flourish.

One of the most important effects was the voice of public opinion, expressed through a free press and free speech. Another essential was a sound system of justice, based on human nature and not on a system of Government where human rights could flourish.

Mr. Heathcote-Smith then proceeded to deal at length with the work of the United Nations.

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TAKE THE CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

ANOTHER DAIRY FARM SERVICE

Private Pilots Get Their "A" Licences At Kai Tak

Yesterday morning Watson Lee, 24-year-old ground instructor for C.N.A.C. at Shanghai, and Hung Cheung Wo, 20, of Happy Valley, received private pilot's A licences from the Director of Air Services, Mr. A. J. R. Moss.

They were the 51st and 52nd trainees respectively since the war's end to graduate from the Far East Flying Training School at Kai Tak airport, the only air training school in the Far East.

Lee, who had 5 hours 35 minutes of instruction, and Wo, who had 5 hours 25 minutes, both intend to make commercial aviation a career.

Except for war years the school has been operating since 1934, enabling Far East residents, irrespective of nationality, to receive flying or aviation engineering training of the same standard as British commercial aviation requires.

About 150 students are undergoing a two-year course in engineering, while eight pupils are enrolled in the flying school.

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Government Servant Charged

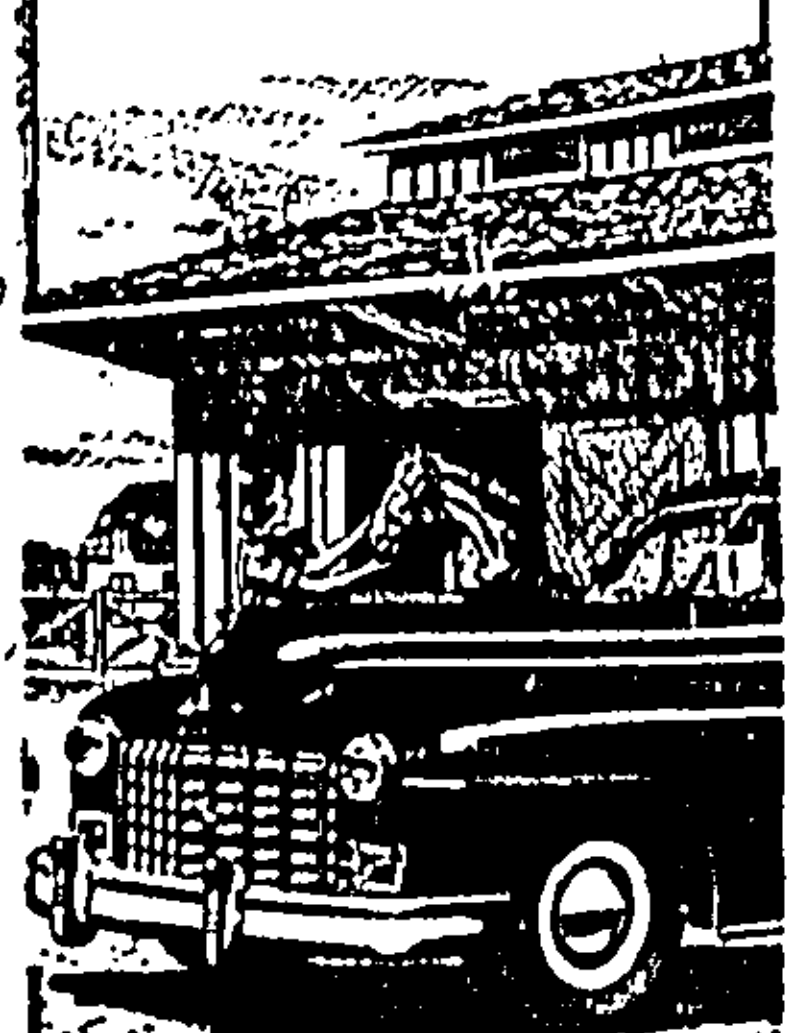
Shell Fish In A Bad Condition

"The shell fish were in a bad condition and did not seem fresh enough to eat," said Insp. Fox of the Health Department giving evidence against three men appearing at the Central Magistracy on a charge of hawking food a place other than the Government market.

Defendants Chan Sai, 20, Wan Yee, 34, and Ma Ting, 30, all pleaded "guilty" with the exception of second defendant who said he was hawking vegetables. After some evidence had been given he admitted that he had fish on his stall but he said that the fish had been thrown on to his stall where he had vegetables. Mr. Fox said that that was impossible as the particular site where he arrested the defendants had been taken over by a gang of unlicensed fish hawkers. They would not allow licensed hawkers, whether fish or vegetable hawkers on that site.

Mr. Clifford sentenced them to \$150 or four weeks' hard labour. He confiscated the fish and ordered it to be destroyed.

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Police Allege Drove Car While "Under The Influence"

Mr. N. F. Tucker, of the Education Department, was summoned yesterday in front of Mr. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy on a charge of driving without due care and attention whilst under the influence of drink.

Mr. Tucker was represented by Mr. Strellett of Messrs. Brutton & Co. Mr. G. D. Binstead, Divisional Superintendent Traffic, prosecuted.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Mr. Binstead said Mr. Tucker was driving a Government Austin Utility vehicle along Bonham Road at 1.30 a.m. on Feb. 19 when he collided with the rear of taxi number 4577 parked outside its garage in Bonham Road. Within a few minutes the Police arrived on the scene, and Mr. Tucker and the driver of the taxi were taken to No. 6 Police Station. On his way to the Charge Room Mr. Tucker was seen to be swaying from side to side and his breath smelt strongly of alcohol. Mr. Tucker vomited while in the Charge Room and was then sent to the Queen Mary Hospital for examination.

Upon the application of the Defence, it was requested that medical evidence should be given in the first instance.

Dr. Ong of Queen Mary Hospital, who examined Mr. Tucker at the time and took a urine test, was then called by the Prosecution to give evidence.

Dr. Ong was asked if in his opinion the state that the defendant was in at the time of his driving a motor car, was then called by the Prosecution to give evidence.

Dr. Ong replied: "Yes." When asked to qualify this, he said that Mr. Tucker's movements were very slow and deliberate.

He added that Mr. Tucker vomited or retched in the hospital although no actual discharge took place. Dr. Ong was asked by Mr. Strellett whether it was possible that this vomiting or retching could be caused by nervousness. Dr. Ong replied: "Yes."

Mr. Davis of the Government Laboratory was then called to state the findings of the test. He said that the amount of alcohol per 100 cc. of urine was 280 milligrams, and that the amount of alcohol in the urine is directly related to the amount of alcohol in the blood. For example, 130 milligrams of alcohol in the urine would equal 100 milligrams in the blood per cc.

Dr. Gould, Police Surgeon, was then called to give expert evidence on the leading medical jurisprudence authorities with regard to drunkenness.

Dr. Gould, quoting "Glaister's Tables," which are of post-war origin, stated that it was probable that an average person of 11 stone with an alcohol content in the urine of 280 milligrams would probably indicate intoxication.

Dr. Gould was asked by Mr. Binstead if he could give any figures as to the probable amount of alcohol Mr. Tucker would have to consume to give this alcohol content in the urine. Dr. Gould again quoted from "Glaister's," saying that the amount of alcohol would probably be nine and a half fluid ounces. This would equal about half a pint of neat whisky.

Mr. Strellett, for the Defence, asked Dr. Gould if he considered Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence

Fishery Bribery Hearing

Yesterday afternoon's proceedings in the Fishery Bribery Case against four inspectors was devoted to cross-examination by Mr. Bernacchi and Mr. Shaftain.

Defendants, Chan Kun-kau, 32, Kwok Muk-hoi, 39, Lee Kwai-wan, 24 and Tao Wai-hin, 25 are charged with conspiring together and with others between Jan. 1 and 21 to permit the unlawful sale of marine fish at the Central Market; conspiring together and with others so as to obtain money to permit the sale of unlawful marine fish and conspiring together and with others to allow the landing of fresh water fish at Stone Pier.

An additional charge of accepting a bribe of \$80 from Lo Tai on Jan. 16 at Kowloon.

Mr. Bernacchi questioned the witness as to the date in his account books and why some were in Chinese Lunar dates and others in English dates. Witness said that he did not know what the defendant had been paid every five days according to English dates.

Witness denied having altered his evidence because he had been promised something from Mr. Shaftain.

He said that he had been taken before Mr. Cater of the Fishery Department by first defendant who had told him that Mr. Cater had had information that he was smuggling fish into the market.

The case was adjourned until April 7.

Had Tainted Meat On The Premises

Appearing on charges of being in possession of tainted and unwholesome pork; keeping a lard factory and dressing pigs in a place other than a slaughter house, Chen Kam-ling, 22, and Au Shing sentenced to two months hard labour and four weeks' hard labour with the option of \$200 fine, respectively.

Defendants pleaded "Not Guilty."

Insp. Poole said that when he raided 45, Hoo Wo Street (first floor) at 3.30 p.m. on March 21, he found the place smelling of bad pork. He found pig skins, knives and choppers with blood and hair on them. There were 210 lbs. of lard some of which was still hot and 42 lbs. of unwholesome pork.

The pigs had been examined and had died from natural causes, possibly disease, and if eaten could have disastrous results.

Appearing at the same time as defendant were two women on the first charge of being possession of tainted or unwholesome pork. They were cautioned by Mr. Clifford.

Insp. Brownrigg prosecuted.

Myron Taylor To See Franco

Madrid, Mar. 31.

Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal envoy to the Vatican, will see General Franco tomorrow, it was reliably understood here to-night.

Political circles believed that Spain's possible inclusion in the Marshall Plan will be one of the subjects discussed.

Mr. Taylor is now in Lisbon. Possible partial and gradual liberalisation of the Franco regime in accordance with a note recently presented by the United States Charge d'Affaires to the Spanish Foreign Office, will also be discussed. It is thought, however, that after tomorrow's victory parade on the ninth anniversary of the end of the civil war, a popular demonstration will take place as a result of the United States House of Representatives vote yesterday to include Spain in the Marshall plan.

In the Madrid press great prominence was given the House of Representatives vote. Typical comment welcoming the news was in the daily "Ya," which was "not so much interested in economic assistance as in public

recognition of Spain's right and of the part we should play in European reconstruction and maintenance of real peace."

News of Mr. Taylor's visit to General Franco followed the first mostly unfavourable reaction to the proposal from European capitals.

In Rome, Giuseppe Saragat, Italian Vice-Premier and leader of the right wing Socialists, declared that the extension of Marshall aid to Fascist Spain was a grave danger to democracy.

In Paris, while the extreme right wing newspapers approved Spain's inclusion in the plan, moderate and left wing newspapers condemned the proposal.

Reuter.

Whole Of China May Be Engulfed

The whole of China may yet be engulfed by Chinese Communists unless she throws away some of her false pride and asks for immediate assistance from the United Nations, according to Bishop Francisco Javier Ochoa, head of the Catholic Mission in Kweichow, Honan.

Bishop Ochoa pointed out in an interview with the Manila Bulletin that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would not listen to his advisers who begged of him to ask the intervention of the United Nations to help check the onward march of the Chinese Communists into the Interior of China.

He said the Chinese Communists now control practically the whole of North China and are steadily approaching the seat of the Nationalist government.

The bishop said most of the hungry and destitute of China had swung to the Chinese Reds who were "more in a position to feed them."

He said reconstruction and rehabilitation of China have suffered a setback due to the continuous harassing by the Communists.

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Funeral

Mrs. Ng Chak-wing

The remains of the late Mrs. Ng Chak-wing, wife of the Chief Interpreter, Supreme Court, who died suddenly at her residence, 36 Ice House Street, on Tuesday, at the age of 54 years, were laid to rest yesterday at the Chinese Permanent Cemetery, Aberdeen, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The late Mrs. Ng, who is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters, was born in South America and came from a very well-known and highly respected family. Her father, who died some time ago, was the owner of a large cotton plantation in Peru. Two of her brothers were connected with the Chinese Government, while a third is at present with the Government Censor Office, Macao. She was an accomplished linguist.

Mrs. Ng had been a resident in Hong Kong for many years. During the Occupation, she proceeded to Macao, where with her husband and children, returning again after the Liberation.

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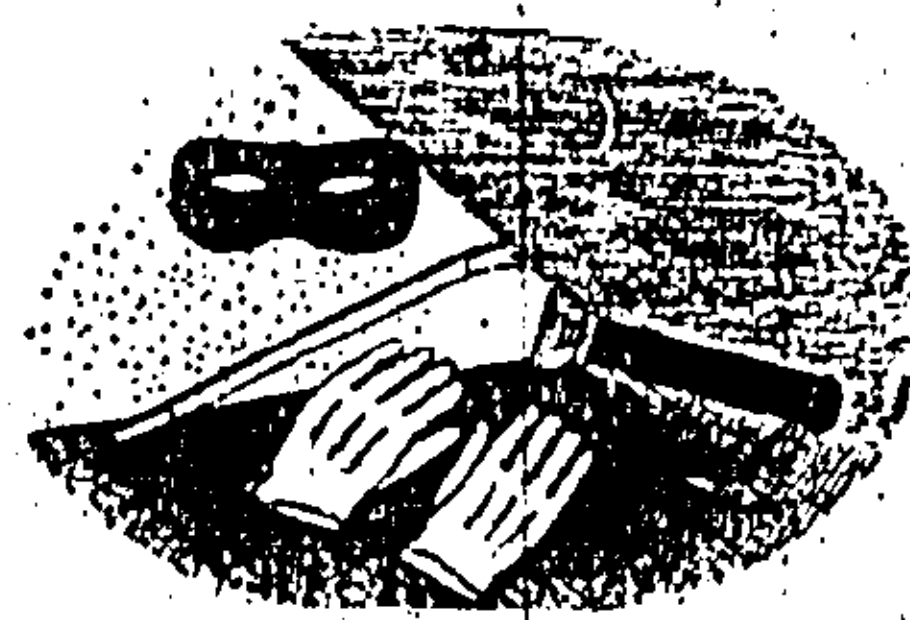
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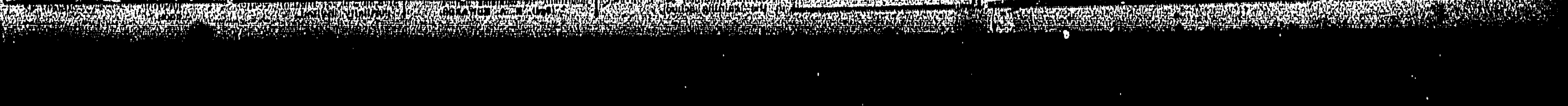
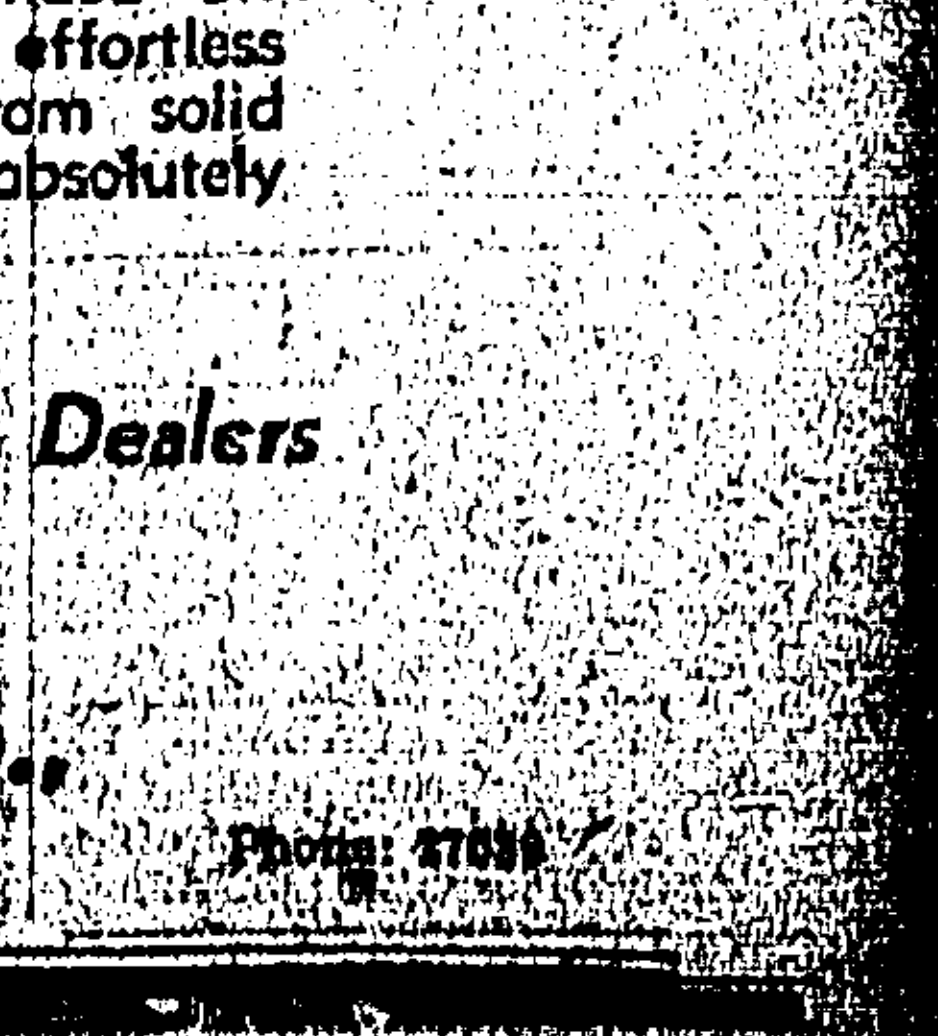
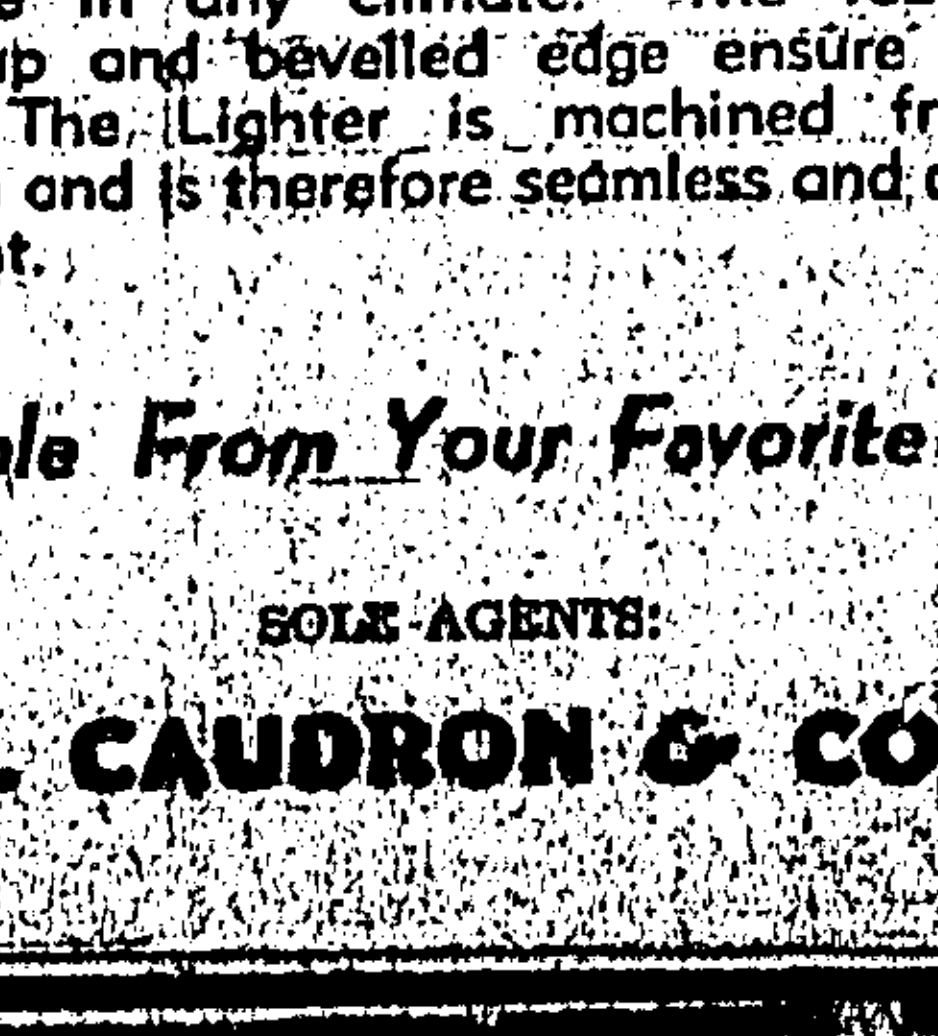
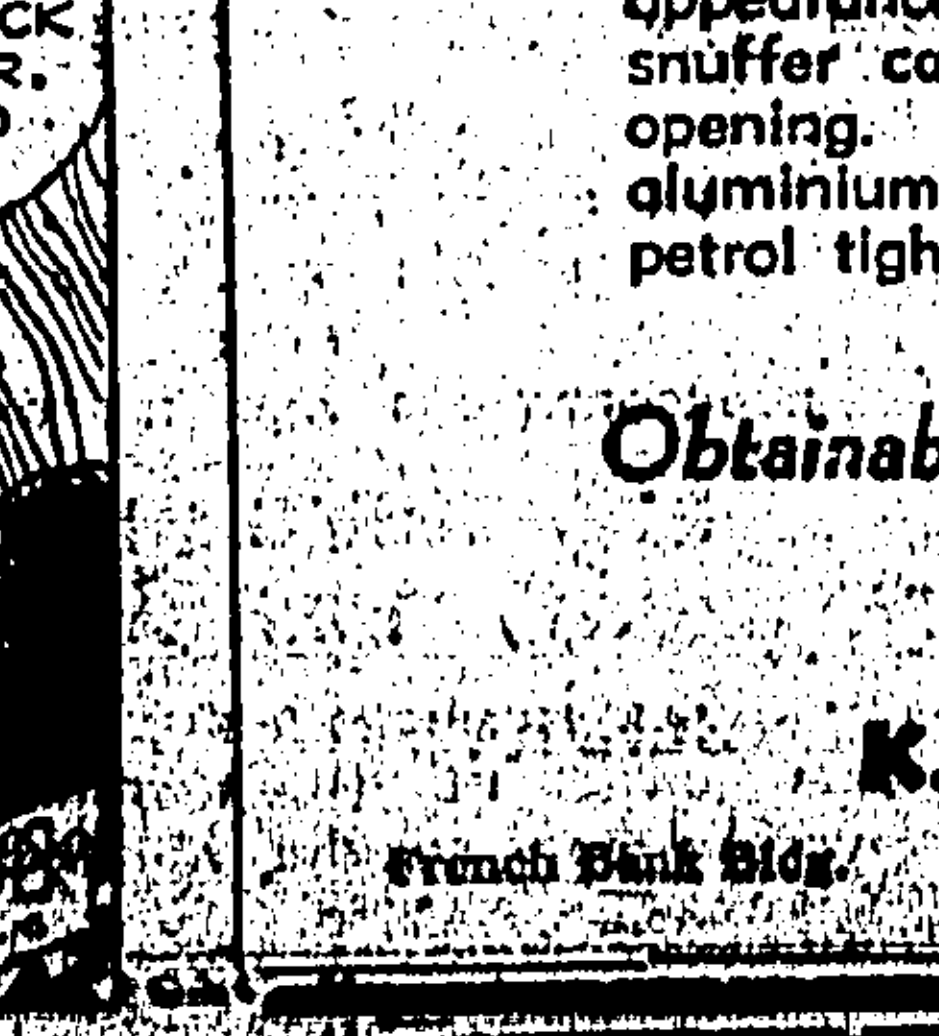
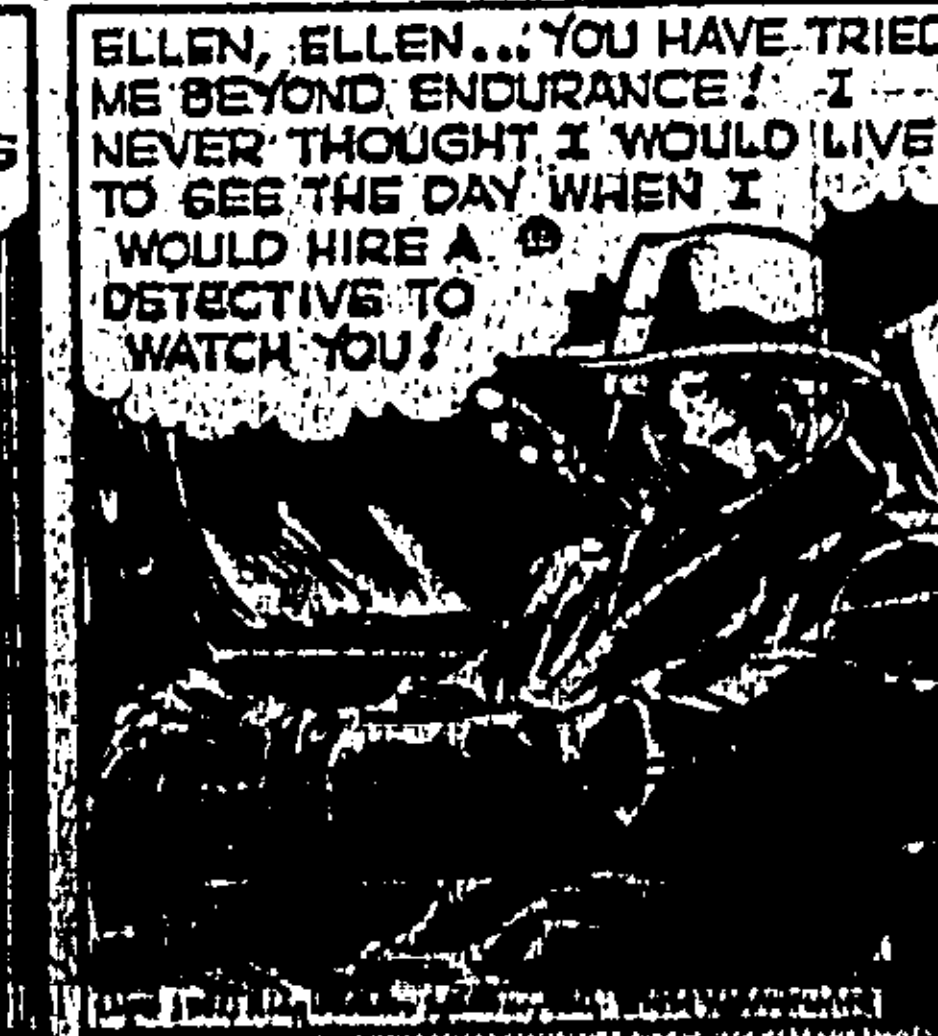
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 3rd April, 1948, at Noon for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend and bonus, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Register will be closed from 30th March, 1948 to 3rd April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON, Managing Director.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1948.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday 15th April, 1948, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and Bonus and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April, 1948, to 15th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. MILNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1948.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Telephone No. 28362, formerly in the Soda Fountain Restaurant, Windsor House, has been removed to the Assistant Secretary's Office (Mr. A. A. Bremner). Customers requiring Windsor House Soda Fountain Restaurant Service should now ring No. 31537 (Soda Fountain Catering).

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

REMINDER

A Cocktail Party will be held TODAY at the Association premises at 6.00 p.m., in honour of the Staff of the University and outport members of the Alumni who are at present visiting Hong Kong. Members, graduates and past students are cordially invited to attend. (signed), Hon. Secretary.

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WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY, 4th APRIL, 1948 EXCEPT THE TAVERN FOR REDECORATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

RE-OPENING NIGHT SATURDAY, 10th APRIL, 1948

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THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1948, to WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th March, 1948.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 2nd April, 1948, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th March to the 2nd April, 1948, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers,

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Cyril James Conway Shilton otherwise Cyril Conway Shilton late of Stanley Internment Camp, in the Colony of Hongkong, Commercial Traveller, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 28th day of April 1948.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 1st day of April 1948.

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Japanese Strike Tactics

Tokyo, Apr. 1. Forty-six thousand communication workers throughout Japan and 10,000 taxation office workers today continued the regional strike tactics in defiance of Major-General Marquat's statement yesterday clarifying General MacArthur's order to the Japanese Government as meaning all strikes, general and regional, will be prohibited.

Striking Unions are staging 24-hour walkouts ending at midnight tonight. All other strikes and projected regional strikes were called off yesterday by Union leaders as a result of Major-General Marquat's clarification.

Meanwhile Government and Government workers unions today continued negotiations for a settlement of issues involving increased wages and payment of special living allowances. Informed observers predicted however, that it would be some time before an agreement is reached as Government workers Unions, deprived of their most effective weapon, have resorted to verbal argument.—Reuter.

HITLER TOO?

Copenhagen, Mar. 31. The Independent newspaper "Information" commenting on the U.S. House of Representatives decision to include Spuria in the Marshall Plan, said today "If Hitler is still alive he will certainly pop up one day to get his share of the Marshall aid."—Associated Press.

EIRE SURPLUS

Dublin, Mar. 31. Eire closed its financial year today with a surplus of £33,177. It had a deficit of £4,511,979 in the previous year. Total revenue of £5,197,845 was the greatest in Eire's history.—Associated Press.

HONG KONG OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner of the above society (the first since the war), is to be held in the Hong Kong Club at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday, 17th April, 1948.

The officers of the society are:

His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G. — President.
G. T. Rowe, Esq. (Oxon) — Hon. Secretary.
R. H. Hughes, Esq. (Cambridge) — Hon. Treasurer.
H. S. Mok, Esq. — Hon. Treasurer.

Membership is open to men whose names have been at any time on the roll of any college at either University.

Will those wishing to attend the dinner please send their names to either of the Secretaries at the Colonial Secretariat Building, Lower Albert Road, as soon as possible before 10th April, 1948.

Further details and tickets will be sent to individuals.

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New tickets (for passengers not holding a ticket for the present month) can be obtained at the Traffic Office only from 31st March.

V. WALKER, Acting General Manager

Argument Between Counsel

An argument between Mr. Lonsdale for the Crown and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C., over the latter's application to reserve cross-examination of three Crown witnesses, occupied the greater part of yesterday morning's hearing in the Extradition Case concerning Hsu Chi-chung, former director of the Postal and Remittance Bank of Shanghai.

The Magistrate ruled that in the interests of justice Mr. d'Almada's application should be granted, and the case was adjourned till today.

Mr. d'Almada undertook to cross-examine the witnesses this morning. In opposing Mr. d'Almada's application to reserve cross-examination, Mr. Lonsdale said that he could find authority in law and practice where cross-examination should not take place immediately after the evidence had been given. There was no proper cause for reservation of cross-examination of witnesses. In the case of two witnesses there had been an adjournment after they had given evidence and defending Counsel had been allowed to see the fugitive.

Mr. Lonsdale said that the danger of the practice might be that accused after hearing a second witness might square the witness.

Continuing Mr. Lonsdale said that he had been approached for an adjournment for further instructions. He had shown great indulgence to the fugitive in allowing him to retain a seat near Counsel where the fugitive could speak to Counsel. There was an outburst from the accused at the last hearing. He had been instructed to ask the witnesses questions to be carried out in accordance with law and practice.

In reply Mr. d'Almada said that his friend might be right on the question of reservation of cross-examination. From his personal experience in the Police Court and in the higher Court an application to reserve cross-examination if reasonable had always been granted. He was not known of an unreasonable application. The reasons for the application, he said, were that the case was a complicated one, the opening by the Crown was condensed, and in the evidence a number of documents had been tendered one of which had only been received by the defence in the morning. He might have no right to the application but it was a question for the presiding Magistrate to exercise his right.

"Patty"

Mr. d'Almada said that Mr. Lonsdale's objection to his requiring a translation of the relevant parts of a law book mentioned in evidence by Mr. Lam, must be regarded as petty. One of the witnesses had occupied the whole of yesterday morning's hearing and the other the rest of the day. Both spoke of transaction at some length and he (Mr. d'Almada) had made the application to reserve cross-examination.

He suggested that if necessary the Court sit earlier and rise later so that there would be no loss of time. He felt that his request was a reasonable one.

Mr. d'Almada then made the application that after the morning hearing the case be adjourned to today. It would then enable him to complete his cross-examination.

Mr. d'Almada said that Mr. Lonsdale had suggested that the danger of reservation of cross-examination might be in affording an opportunity of accused hearing the next witness and to frame his instructions on what he further knew.

Mr. d'Almada asked if that referred to Counsel and Mr. Lonsdale assured him that reference was to the fugitive. Mr. d'Almada said that he thought that when there was counsel the possibility was remote. He regretted the disturbance at the previous day's hearing. Fugitive was as it were on trial and forgot himself. Mr. d'Almada undertook that this would not be repeated.

A Privilege

Mr. d'Almada then spoke on the indulgence mentioned by Mr. Lonsdale. There was no indulgence on the part of Crown Counsel. It was a privilege granted by the court for accused to be outside the dock. Mr. Lonsdale said that Mr. d'Almada had said that his application was a reasonable one but he was at one time prepared to reserve his cross-examination till after the long adjournment. He did show indulgence to the fugitive in that he did not resist the application of fugitive to take a seat outside the dock.

British Work On Atomic Energy

Oxford, Mar. 31. Sir John Cockcroft, director of Britain's atomic energy research laboratory, said last night that the second atomic energy pile would be operating this summer and would be used to supply European countries with radio-active materials for medical research.

Sir John, speaking at Oxford's Atomic Energy Week observance, said the first pile at Harwell Laboratory "is already being used as an alchemist furnace to change ordinary materials—nitrogen, sodium, sulphur, tellurium—into radio-active materials."

"These are being used by the local research Council, by universities and hospitals for research and diagnosis in medicine. Already we are preparing 120 samples a month and demands are rapidly growing." Sir John said the Harwell scientists were discussing with industrial leaders possible uses of atomic energy and that "steps are being taken to warm some of the buildings at Harwell from the heat of this second pile."—United Press.

Lodge Plan For Army

Washington, Mar. 31. As a partial substitute for conscription, the immediate voluntary enlistment of 50,000 Europeans in the United States Army was urged today by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican of Massachusetts. Senator Lodge urged the Senate Armed Services Committee to authorize the enlistment of the young manhood of Europe, who would be eligible for citizenship after five years. He said this would cut down the number of Americans required under temporary conscription. "It is not a foreign legion, and is not an attempt to get mercenaries," he said.—Reuter.

ARMS DELIVERY By CARRIERS

Washington, Mar. 31. The United States Navy announced tonight that three escort carriers will be used to deliver planes to Turkey during the next few months.

The planes will be sent as part of the military aid programme. The number and type to be delivered could not be learned.—Reuter.

Prague Accuses Diplomats

Prague, Mar. 31.

Czechoslovakia tonight accused members of the French Embassy in Prague of assisting in the escape attempt at Rakovnik Airfield of two former Czechoslovak Ministers, Mgr. Jan Sramek and Mgr. Frantisek Hala.

In an official note of protest the Czechoslovak Government demanded the withdrawal of the employees concerned in the escape attempt.

The two former Ministers were caught on March 21 while a foreign aircraft was circling overhead preparatory to taking them over the frontier, according to the Czechoslovak Minister of the Interior.

U.S. HAS ENOUGH

Washington, Mar. 31. Representative Frank B. Keefe (Republican, Wisconsin) said today that the United States has an "adequate supply" of atomic bombs. Keefe said he based his conclusion on testimony presented on behalf of the Atomic Energy Commission on Feb. 28 at a closed session of the House Appropriations Sub-committee.—United Press.

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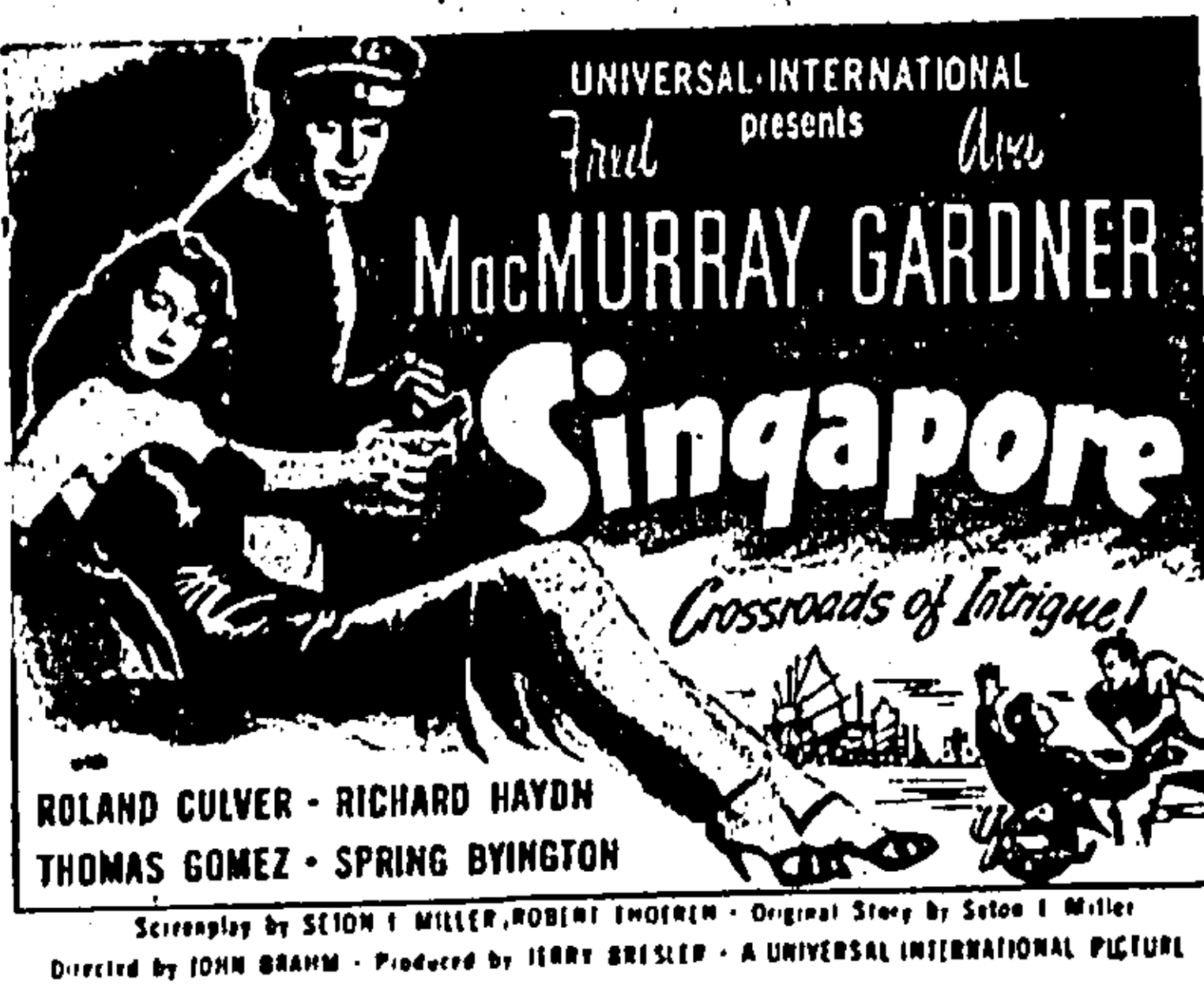
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CAIRO EXPRESS BLOWN UP

Jewish Dynamiting Of Railway Bridge

Arab Volunteers Among Dead

Jerusalem, Mar. 31.
Forty Arabs were killed and 60 injured when the Cairo-Haifa express was blown up by an electrically-detonated land mine near Benyamina, northern Palestine, today.
Most of the dead were in one coach, which was completely demolished when the mine exploded under a bridge north of Benyamina. Two other coaches were overturned.

British military ambulances and a unit of troops were sent to the scene for rescue work. The explosion separated the engine from the rest of the train and pushed it 100 yards along the track, according to Jewish reports from Tel Aviv. Jews who went to the scene of the crash came under fire and were forced to retire, these reports added.

The Jews said the wrecking was believed to be the work of the Jewish terrorist Stern Gang. Most of the dead, they added, were believed to be members of the Arab Liberation Army.

Second Time

The Cairo-Haifa express has been wrecked twice in the past 33 days by terrorists.

The explosion occurred as the express sped through an orange

grove on the coastal plain of Samaria. Rescuers who hurried to the scene helped to carry the dead and injured from the shattered coaches and laid them alongside the track. Army authorities reported that some 40 British soldiers were travelling on the train, but there were no reports of any of them being among the casualties.

The first occasion when the Cairo-Haifa express was derailed was on Feb. 29 when Stern Gang terrorists exploded three mines under the last four coaches, killing 28 British soldiers and injuring another 35.

Jews Ambushed

A Jewish food convoy en route from Tel Aviv to the relief of beleaguered Jerusalem Jews came under attack on Wednesday by several hundred Arabs near Hartuv.

Maganah reported that one Jew had been killed and several wounded in a battle which has continued since midday.

An Arab source claimed that the convoy was surrounded and wounded.

It is the first Jewish convoy to attempt to run the Arab blockade into Jerusalem since the Arab ambush of Dab El Wad last Friday, which was broken by Haganah reinforcements and British artillery.—Associated Press.

General's Message To China

Shanghai, Apr. 1.
General Ho Ying-ching, chief delegate of the Chinese military mission to the United Nations, called on the Chinese public to learn from the Anglo-Saxon people the ways of making a nation strong and prosperous, when he returned here yesterday afternoon after over two years abroad.

He said these ways were twofold: full use of scientific facilities and the promotion of a popular law-abiding spirit.

He revealed the purpose of his return to China was to make reports on his work at U.N.O. directly to Chiang Kai-shek and to participate in the National Assembly, and declined to give a definite answer when asked by reporters whether he intends to join in the vice-presidential race.

General Ho said he was deeply impressed by the popular use of scientific facilities throughout the United States and paid special interest to agricultural development in that country which, he said, was highlighted by the amazing development of transportation facilities, including railroads, highways and motor trucks.

The General expressed the hope that the Chinese people would double their efforts and modernize their country in accordance with American standards within a period of 20 to 30 years, provided there was peace in the land.

He placed the promotion of a popular law-abiding spirit as one of the two pre-requisites for modernizing the country.—Reuter.

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RED SNOW A BAD OMEN?

Ankara, Mar. 31.
People living near the Turkish Black Sea port of Sinope awoke today to find the countryside covered with reddish snow, supposed by the superstitious to portend bloodshed or war.

Syrian Merchant Sentenced

Shanghai, Apr. 1.
Chafik, Matouk, a Syrian merchant, was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment by Chief Justice Chu Yohuang of the district court yesterday afternoon for illegal transactions in gold bars.

Immediately after pronouncement of the sentence, Matouk, through his counsel, told the court he would appeal to the High Court.

Of the remaining 13 persons arrested with Matouk when police raided the Syrian's offices in January, four Chinese received prison terms ranging from three to seven months and the other nine, including a Russian emigrant, were acquitted.

All the gold seized, consisting of gold bars and gold bullion weighing from three to twelve ounces, was ordered to be confiscated.—Reuter.

Musicians' Ultimatum To B.B.C.

London, Mar. 31.
The British Musicians' Union today issued an ultimatum to the B.B.C. that it would ban all public music broadcasts after May 1 unless the Government radio monopoly paid full studio fees for all such performances.

The B.B.C. now pays a "relay fee" of 12s. 6d. for broadcasts relayed from theatres, hotels, music halls and such.

The Union demands that it pay the customary fee for broadcasts made from the studio, which amounts to £2-10.

The BBC's position is that it cannot pay full studio fees for broadcasts involving no extra work for musicians who already are paid by their regular employers.

However, the radio corporation has offered to raise the present fee. The Union has not replied to that offer.

The BBC's only exception to the relay fee rule. It was understood, was made in the case of symphony orchestras, which are contracted at the beginning of the year for a set number of broadcasts.—United Press.

Disfigured By Surgeon

San Francisco, Mar. 31.
A London dress designer was awarded \$115,000 damages against a plastic surgeon in San Francisco today following a breast operation which she claimed disfigured her.

Mrs. Stella Gluckstein, aged 50, testified that the tip of one breast had been misplaced by an operation designed to remove excess fat.

A Superior Court jury of nine women and three men deliberated for 50 minutes before finding against Dr. Philip Lipsett of Oakland, Calif.

Gluckstein's lawyer said she will return to London soon for additional surgical treatment. Her address was given as Piccadilly, W.1.—Associated Press.

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12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. R. W. Gallagher, S. J. (Studio).
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Eric Whitmore and His Bands.
1.00 p.m.—Songs of the Range.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.35 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.50 p.m.—"Strings with Wings" George Melachrino & His String with Linda Gray (Vocal).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.00 p.m.—Children's Half Hour (Studio).
6.30 p.m.—Melodies from British Films (B.B.C.T.S.).
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—"You Asked For It" Variety Request Programme Presented by Lynn Fraser (Studio).
8.15 p.m.—Andre Kostelanets and His Orchestra. "Memories of Victor Herbert."

9.00 p.m.—Popular Classics.
9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.15 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade" Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green and Steve Conway (Vocal).

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Real (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—"The Puppet Master" A New Play by Emily Donnelly with Rita Vale and Eme Percy (London Relay).
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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GREED CAUSES DAMAGE
Some of the worst damage caused unnecessarily at the bridge table comes from the cupidity of a declarer who grasps for every possible over-trick. When in so doing he takes even the remotest risk of failing to make a most desirable and profitable contract, he can blame his greed for the damage if things go wrong. It should be almost an immutable law in the case of doubled and redoubled contracts that the declarer should forget all about the extras until he first makes absolutely certain he can bring his contract home.

S. 10 8 4 2
H. 7 6 3
D. 5 4 3
C. J 8 7 5
2

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H. 7 6 3
D. 5 4 3
C. J 8 7 5
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(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 D Pass 1 S Pass
2 S Pass 2 S Pass
3 S Pass 3 S Pass
4 S Pass 4 S Pass
5 S Pass 5 S Pass
6 S Pass 6 S Pass
7 S Pass 7 S Pass
8 S Pass 8 S Pass
9 S Pass 9 S Pass
10 S Pass 10 S Pass
11 S Pass 11 S Pass
12 S Pass 12 S Pass

What a terrible bridge crime South perpetrated in managing to get himself set in that contract—in fact, set in a trick. It is almost impossible to see how he was trying deliberately to cause that result to win a crazy wager.

He ruffed the heart 10 lead with the spade 5, ruffed the diamond 2 with the spade 2, led the spade 4 to the 4, ruffed the diamond 6 with the spade 6, ruffed

the heart 6 with the spade K, ruffed the diamond 7 with the spade 10, ruffed the heart Q with the spade Q, then laid down his last trump, the J. If both defenders had followed suit, he would have taken all thirteen tricks. But East discarded a heart, leaving West with the final spade. So, as soon as he got a trick with it, the defence scored the remaining tricks except for the club A, a total of four all told, one more than needed to beat the contract.

South overdid the ruffing business. After trumping two diamonds in dummy, he should have led to the spade K and Q on the fifth and sixth tricks to remove all of the hostile trumps. Then he should have given up one diamond to East. That would have set up the suit while he had the spade J for a re-entry. Playing that way, he would have scored one extra trick without having to find the trumps divided evenly against him.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM

S. K J 5
H. A 9 8 6
D. A K 2
C. A 6 3

S. 10 8 4 2
H. 7 6 3
D. 5 4 3
C. J 8 7 5
2

S. 10 8 4 2
H. 7 6 3
D. 5 4 3
C. J 8 7 5
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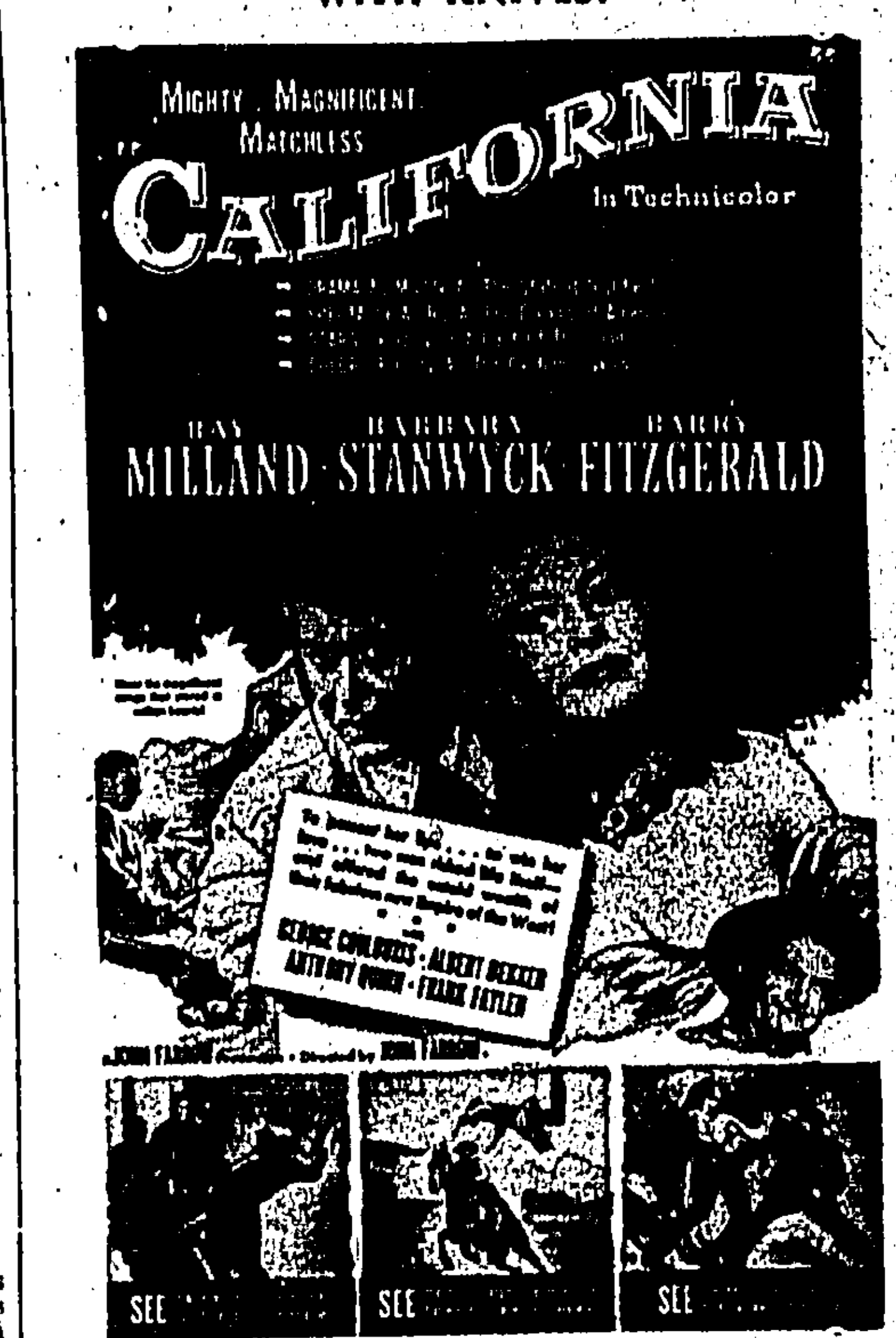
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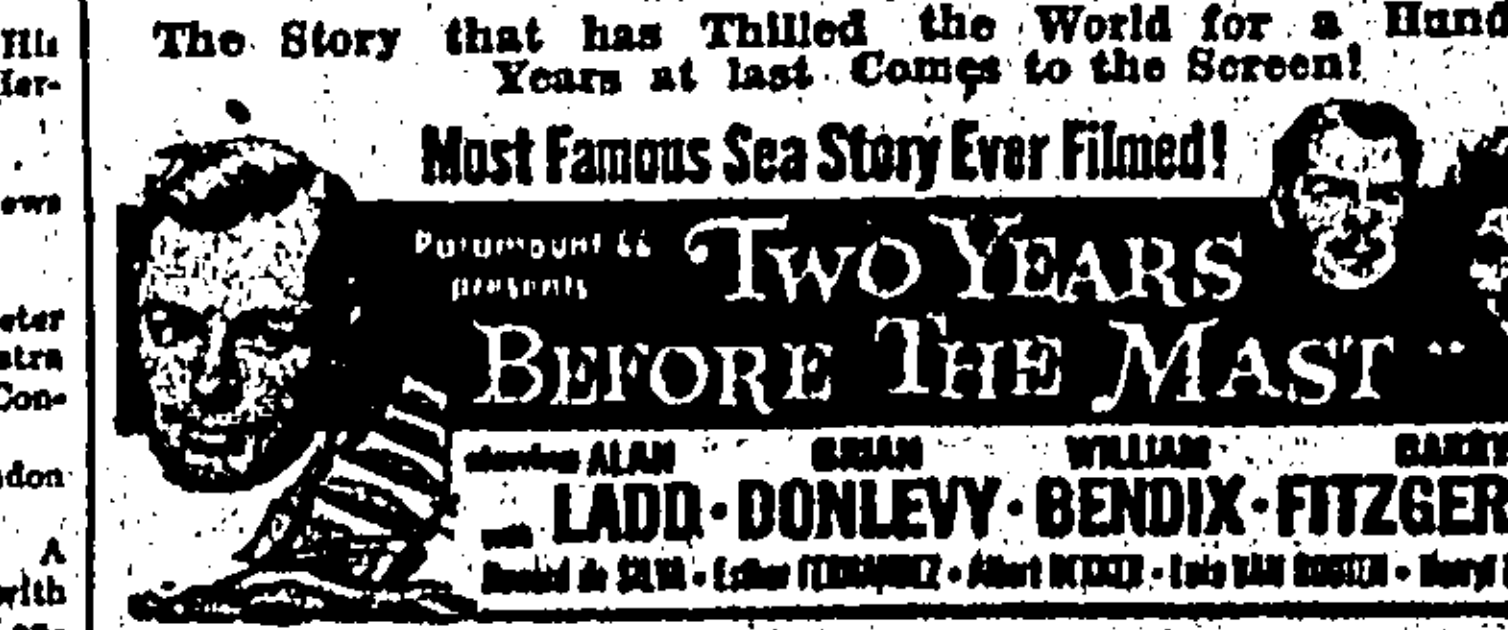
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CALLING THE BLUFF

In the pre-atomic age the British, French, and American joint proposal for the return of Trieste to Italy would have been called a "bombshell."

Even now it must have exploded unpleasantly in the Kremlin. In other quarters, however, the sound has been easier on the ear, and has brought in its train hope, reassurance, and satisfaction.

For a long time such strokes have been the prerogative of the totalitarians. Germany sprang them on us for six years, and Russia has been following the Nazi example since 1945.

Now it is our turn. We have made a demand—and by so doing have shaken clear of the doubt and confusion which have dogged us for nearly three years.

Trieste, in fact, marks a turning-point in the post-war game of power-politics and diplomacy. It may yet prove to have stopped the drift to war.

Yet it was no more than we were entitled to expect. The declarations of President Truman and Mr. Marshall that they would not stand by and see freedom extinguished in one country after another.

Russia may have thought that such statements meant as little as many which preceded them. If so, she must have been startled by this democratic initiative, for her policy has been to drown all except Communist action in a sea of words.

Of course, this act of statesmanship is accompanied by risks. Yugoslav national pride and prestige are bound up to an extraordinary degree in Trieste.

Sooner than give up his portion Marshal Tito might decide to fight. In that event the Free Territory of Trieste could play the same part in 1948 as the Free City of Danzig played in 1939. It could be the curtain-raiser to World War.

But it is highly unlikely that this will happen. Even if Tito is mad enough to resist the demand by fighting he will receive no open support from his master, Stalin. Russia does not want war. What she wants is as much as she can get by all means short of war.

And she is not going to get as much as she expected. In making this demand on Trieste the Western Powers are calling the kind of bluff which Hitler practised so successfully, and which could also have been called as late as 1938. It may be that Greece will be the next scene of action.

The Trieste move was a shrewd stroke of politics, timed to have the maximum effect upon the Italian elections of April 18. It has certainly placed Russia in an awkward dilemma.

If she refuses the demand she will lose any chance of winning Italy for Communism. If she agrees, she will incur the ill-will of her favourite satellite, Yugoslavia.

LORD HAMBLEDON DEAD

London, Mar. 31. Lord Hambledon, Governing Director of W. H. Smith and Son, operators of a nationwide chain of newspapers and stationery shops, died today following an operation.

Lord Hambledon, 44, was chairman of the Council of the Royal College of Art and chairman of King's College Hospital. In 1939 he signed what was reported to be the largest double life insurance policy in Europe. He covered himself and his eldest son, for a total of £1,000,000. Associated Press.

Europe's fortunes hang upon the American Presidential election this year, as vitally, as upon Marshall Aid next month. No man yet knows who will sit in the world's most powerful seat in November, but Alexander Clifford presents here a reporter's-eye view of the race now being run to reach the White House.

A Dark Horse For President?

There is a peculiar fog gathering round the American political weather. But every issue is seen through it and is coloured or distorted by it.

And it will grow thicker and thicker until Tuesday, November 2, when it will be abruptly dispelled. The new President will be elected.

The fog is the process of whitening down the population of the United States to two or three possibilities and then persuading the population to choose one of them. Already it is quite a thick fog.

The process is so complicated, often so passionate, that it will dominate the political life of the nation all this year.

To understand it at all you must keep certain facts firmly in mind. First, Democrats and Republicans are not political entities. They are not two groups clearly divided on political, economic, and social theories. They are simply rival gangs.

It is true that the Democrats claim to stand for the under-dog and some measure of State planning, while the Republicans have for completely free enterprise and (in the past) isolationism.

Second, Americans will be choosing personally one man to be both their President and their Premier. And, according to their 18th-century Constitution, nothing but death can remove him from his post for four years.

A Tribal War

So this is no ordinary process. It is a kind of national jamboree conducted on lines of the strictest folklore. It is the two rival factions in the tribe contending to choose a chieftain.

This year there are two special circumstances. The first is the incipient collapse of the great Democratic empire which Roosevelt built up and held together by his own personality. The second is the emergence of a genuine third party.

Roosevelt tolerated no other personalities in his empire, and without him it is crumbling. Today the Democrats have Mr. Truman to offer and only Mr. Truman. They don't all like him, but they've nothing else.

His nearest rivals are characters like "Klasing Big Jim" Folsom, naive six-foot eight Governor of Alabama, who automatically kisses pretty girls whenever he sees them.

Mr. Truman is in trouble with the southern gentry because he has introduced the Civil Rights Bill, which threatens to improve the status of the coloured population in the South.

Mr. Truman may have had trouble with New York's vast Jewish population.

Lost Heritage?

Many Democrats have already walked out on him to follow Henry Wallace's "Third Party." In many directions the Roosevelt heritage is vanishing. And there's only Truman to lead what remains.

So here's one thing you can be pretty certain about in this Presidential election: Truman will be the Democrat nominee. You can be almost equally certain that he won't get any further than that from his master, Stalin. Russia does not want war. What she wants is as much as she can get by all means short of war.

And she is not going to get as much as she expected. In making this demand on Trieste the Western Powers are calling the kind of bluff which Hitler practised so successfully, and which could also have been called as late as 1938. It may be that Greece will be the next scene of action.

The Little Man...

You must turn to the Republicans to find the winner and the uncertainties. A Republican will almost certainly be President.

On paper today it is probably Thomas Dewey, stubby, black-moustached Governor of New York, who looks like "the little man on top of the wedding cake," according to one witty Washington hostess. He is leading the field on present form.

But form can change overnight in these elections. Tiny straws floating hither and thither in the wind can alter everything.

In 1944 Dewey, a Republican nominee against Roosevelt, got 40 per cent. of the nation's votes. His age is 45 and his record is excellent.

And he has done well in the only real test of opinion so far—the New Hampshire Primary.

A primary is purely a party election within a State to decide what delegates that State will send to the National Party Convention. The National Convention decides on the party's nominee, and the nation decides between different nominees.

In New Hampshire six out of the eight delegates elected last week were Dewey men. The other two went to Harold Stassen.

Stassen is a burly, jovial American (three-quarters German, eighth Czech, eighth Norwegian) who has been thrice Governor of Minnesota. He was the first Republican candidate in the ring this time and he worked hardest to sell himself to the electors. He has antagonised his

well as Dewey, and the two may end in deadlock again this year. Stassen will face out in the early rounds. So it is among the shadowy dark horses that you may have to look for America's next President.

The favourite outsider today is that one, stolid, statesmanlike figure Arthur Vandenberg. He is so senatorial he even looks a little Hollywood, but his adroit handling of the European Recovery Programme Bill in the Senate has shown him as a politician of real stature. Most people would feel safe with America in his hands.

But Vandenberg has been coyly reluctant about nomination.

Star Or Squib

Next comes a more spectacular figure—General Douglas MacArthur.

No one knows anything about his domestic programme—he has been abroad for eight years. He is greatly admired, but he is also greatly hated as a war hero. There is so far no organisation working for him, but a group of G.I.s have started a club in Chicago to work against him.

Falling Short

Taft is an ex-isolationist and many suspect he remains isolationist at heart.

He has been fighting for a smaller Marshall Plan, and all his boasted intellectual clarity and honesty won't let him see that it is no good throwing a 20 ft. rope to a man drowning 30 ft. from the shore.

Taft, whose strength lies in the Mid-West, is an old rival of Dewey's.

There are many today who think Taft is doing at least as

Health Of

Hitler

I am glad that during the past weeks I always sent material to G.H.G. that interested the Fuehrer from the purely human side, especially items about art and cultural life from which he is completely cut off, although in normal times they are one of his main preoccupations.

Towards noon I had my first, and in the afternoon my second, of several hours with the Fuehrer. They touched me deeply.

Fuehrer's Health

Our greeting was extremely cordial. One cannot fail to notice how happy the Fuehrer is to welcome one of his old co-laborers, and especially to be able to say in complete privacy all those things that he can't tell a larger circle.

The Fuehrer's healthy appearance is rather misleading. Superficially he seems to be in the very best physical shape.

Actually, however, that is not the case. He told me that recently he has not been very well. From time to time he has had to fight off severe attacks of giddiness. The long winter has affected his spiritual condition in a way that has left its mark.

The Fuehrer, I recall, never cared much for winter. In the old days, for instance, he could never understand how some people in spring could look for altitudes where there was still snow for sliding!

Now his aversion to winter has been cruelly and terribly justified.

This long, hard, cruel winter he has confronted with problems that we should

not have regarded as possible. This winter put not only the German Wehrmacht but especially its Supreme Commander under a cruel strain.

It is nothing short of a miracle that we stood it. It is too early to appreciate fully what the Fuehrer suffered during these months.

He told me he would later have occasion to talk and possibly write about all this.

Highest Intensity

The war has reached its highest intensity since the end of November. Sometimes, the Fuehrer said he feared it simply would not be possible to survive.

Invariably, however, he fought off the enemy's assaults with his last ounce of will and every time he succeeded in coming out on top. Thank God the German people learned about only a fraction of all this.

This shows how right it is to spare the people the heaviest burdens of the war, especially those of a spiritual nature.

What worries and torments the Fuehrer most is the fact that the country is still covered with snow, and that frost and cold are still stalking through field and forest.

Although he doesn't talk much about it one can feel how un-

happy he is about the long duration of the winter—a winter that came so suddenly and is departing so unwillingly.

I told him about Vienna, Graz, and Linz. He admitted how deeply he yearns to return to these beautiful places which mean so much to him.

The Fuehrer has no misgivings about sentiment at home. He is well aware that the German people, if correctly led, will survive the severe strains of this war.

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THE SPIV IS BUSY IN GERMANY

The Spiv has his counterpart in every land, and here he has been called the Swingheini, from his nocturnal habits of dancing negro contortions in stuffy night clubs run by fugitive S.S. men.

The Swingheini wears his hair long like the Spiv, but his shoulders are not so padded. He sports ex-Wermacht boots and a tight-fitting suit of grey worsted smuggled out of Saxony—it was part of a bale intended for reparations to the U.S.S.R.

The Swingheini got together in a cellar when the war was over. They started with a camera which they sold to a drunken Russian soldier for 30,000 Reichmarks. He had been robbing a bank in action. That gave them capital.

Having made pals with an enterprising private soldier in the summer of 1945, they hit upon the ingenious idea of giving him Reichmarks to go and buy toothpaste, soap and chocolate in the NAAFI.

That sold to the clients of the Swingheini at forty times the price paid for it.

Rhine Army took a long time to get wise to what the Swingheini had started, and by the time that the Army Council issued BAFSV or occupation currency, about £24,000,000 in NAAFI goods had gone down the drain.

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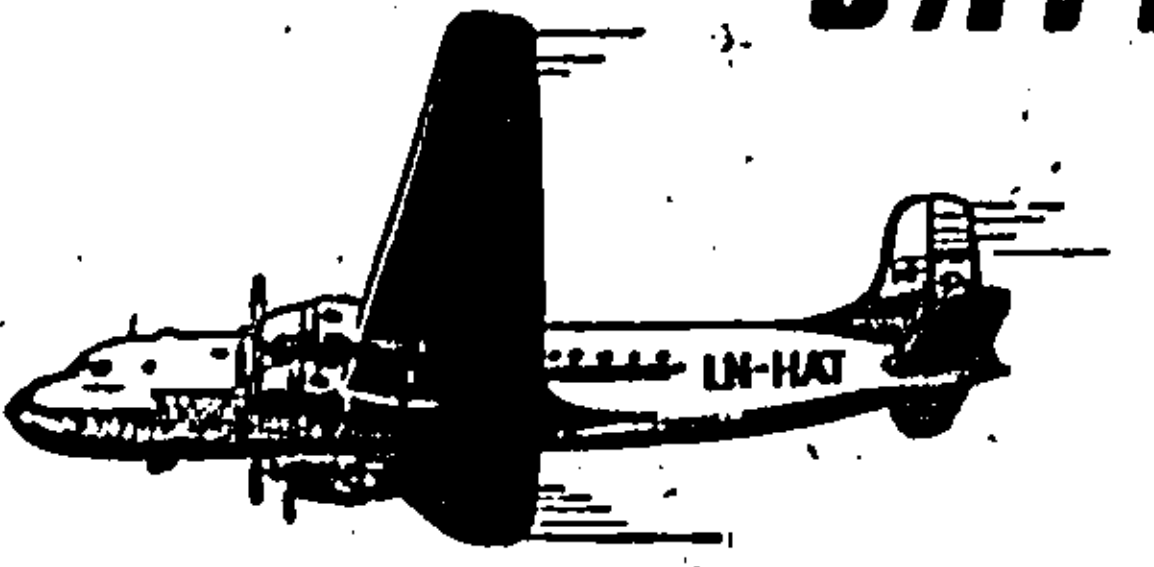
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RUSSIANS GET DIFFICULT

Tightening Of Inter-Zonal Control

Request Rejected By Britain

Berlin, Mar. 31.

Britain tonight answered a Soviet proposal to tighten the transit control between Berlin and the Western occupation zones with a demand for a 15-day postponement while the matter is being discussed between the British and Soviet representatives.

Britain, it was authoritatively stated, rejected the Soviet plan for the inspection of freight in transport between Berlin and the West, and the Soviet claim that Allied personnel must be supplied with transit visas.

The British authorities would be prepared to agree that the Allied commander of the train should be equipped with a passenger list which could be shown for information only to the Soviet control post.

The British reply was contained in a letter to the Soviet authorities from the British Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Neville C. D. Brownjohn, which was made known here tonight.

The reply, sent to the Soviet Deputy Military Governor, Lieutenant-General Mikhail Dravitskiy, declared that the Soviet authorities "have no right to interfere with trains carrying British personnel to and from Berlin."

The British military train from Berlin to the British Zone was leaving tonight as usual.

No Extra Guard
"It is not intended that Russian border guards will be allowed to board the military train tonight to examine documents," a British spokesman said.

He added, however, that no extraordinary physical precautions were being taken and that the train guard was not being strengthened beyond its normal complement.

The intensification of stricter Russian control measures on passenger and freight traffic between Berlin and the Western Zones was made to the Western powers.

by Marshal Vasilii Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor in Germany.

Turned Back

General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, commenting on the Soviet request to tighten the border controls, said: "The procedures outlined in the Soviet request are not in accord with our agreement."

"We are preparing an answer. I have no further comment to make at this time."

Several British military vehicles returned to Berlin tonight after being halted by the Soviet authorities at the zonal frontier for alleged irregularities in their movement orders.

The Russian border officials at Marienborn refused to allow the vehicles along the Autobahn on the grounds that there was no translation in Russian of the documents authorising their movement.—Reuter.

SEEING 'EM AGAIN

Ghent, Mar. 31.
Several people here have reported seeing an object resembling a ball of fire flying at a great height over the city at night recently.

According to the reports, the object, which was travelling at great speed towards the Belgian coast, left a light green or blue trail in its wake.—Reuter.

Battle In The Unions

Athens, Mar. 31.

Mr. Irving Brown, chief European representative of the American Federation of Labor, now in Athens for the Greek Trade Union Conference, was quoted as telling a press conference today: "The battle is on between totalitarianism and free institutions."

"It is a good thing the workers of the Western world are closing their ranks, for this is not a struggle between capital and labor, but between totalitarianism and free institutions."

Mr. Irving Brown said that Greece—where some 1,400 Greek trade unionists, representing 1,270 trade unions, are meeting to elect a new executive for the Greek General Labour Confederation—was the last Balkan country where it was possible to convene such a Congress.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S HUGE SURPLUS

London, Mar. 31.

The Treasury disclosed that it had a surplus of £635,380,883 in hand as the financial year ended tonight.

This balance was more than twice the estimate made last November by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, and the estimate was £28,000,000 up on his original estimate when the financial year began.

Expenditure during the year was cut to £3,187,104,303 and revenue rose to £3,844,859,041. £22,373,876 went into sinking funds.

If conditions were normal, a surplus of this size would mean a reduction in the income tax when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, presents his first budget to Parliament next Tuesday.

Because of the need to boost exports and prevent inflation, the Chancellor is expected to offer the taxpayer few, if any, reliefs.—Reuter.

Ban On Illegal Stations

Canton, Apr. 1.

All illicit wireless transmitting stations throughout Kwangtung must close down and their equipment be surrendered to the authorities immediately.

Landlords who permit illicit transmitters on their premises will be held responsible and severely punished. Telephone lines connected to such stations will be cut.

Any person giving information leading to discovery of illicit stations will be awarded CN\$2,000,000.

The latest drive against private transmitting stations is not so much a security measure as a means of diverting communications through the normal channels and also as a step to curb speculation in foreign currencies on the black markets. It is mainly through these stations that operators are able to receive quotations from Shanghai and Hong Kong. The Ministry of Communications, Reuter learns, is planning to take over all transmitters hitherto operated by Government banks in the near future.—Reuter.

'The Queen's' Escape

London, Mar. 31.

Gales swept the south coast of England today, driving small shipping into harbours, and almost blew the outward-bound Queen Mary against a Southampton dock.

Extra tugs were attached to the Queen Mary after a heavy gust struck her stern as she was beginning to move. She missed the dock by inches.

Gales also raged across Scotland. At Paisley, John Gordon, 20-year-old apprentice, became airborne on a corrugated iron roof on which he was working. The 70-mile-per-hour wind swept the roof off the building and he made a pancake landing. Gordon was treated for light bruises.—United Press.

Jewish Spokesman In Critical Vein

Jerusalem, Apr. 1.

A Jewish Agency spokesman sharply criticised today the Palestine Government's warning that rescue operations like that after the Easter Sunday siege will not be possible if there is "further disregard of clearly understood instructions."

The 200 Jews in the convoy, bearded, bound, and blindfolded, were lawful travellers, while the overwhelming Arab forces which attacked the convoy was "not condemned by the Government."

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CINEMA WORLD



Shirley Temple and Guy Madison in shots from their film "Honeymoon" which will be shown shortly in Hong Kong.

COMPANY OF YOUTH

It Makes Tomorrow's Stars, But Does Not
Stamp Them With Uniformity

By J. Clifford King

says David Henley, Rank's Director of Artistic, "Ninety per cent of players whose names become household words to film-

Standard grooming of the Hollywood sort is not desired as it is thought that this produces too uniform a style of looks and behaviour.

A successful recruit to the 'Company of Youth' is asked to sign a contract, carrying a salary during the first six months' training period and with options up to seven years after he or she has graduated. The contract signed, a rigorous programme of work begins to fit the aspirant to face the camera.

In the mornings informal lectures about their jobs are given by studio technicians and there are other lectures on a variety of subjects such as hair styles, dress sense, make-up and the most economical use of clothing coupons! A dentist looks after their teeth.

Throughout this first period what might be called stage training is modified to the requirements of the film studio. Technical considerations make this necessary, of course; a microphone technique must be learned for one thing, clear diction, control of breathing to avoid the panting effect which is exaggerated on the sound track when the actor breathes too quickly. Broken up into short scenes as most films are, some ability in retaining an expression must be developed. Difficulties in what at first sight might seem small things have to be surmounted—walking correctly through studio lights, for instance, so that the wrong shadows do not appear.

Camera Distortions

Again, the camera exaggerates everything—particularly movement. An elbow thrust goes are ordinary folk from ordinary homes. The transformation from man-in-the-street to man-on-the-screen means hard work and careful planning.



Joan Bennett on the set when making the film "The Woman on the Beach."

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-- SHADOWS BEFORE --

HONEYMOON (King's)
Stars: Shirley Temple, Guy Madison, Franchot Tone.
Story: Of a groomless bride stranded in Mexico City with a handsome diplomat coming to the rescue. Altogether a delightful comedy, with Shirley Temple in a more sophisticated role than

the cooperation of the R.A.F. and is an outstanding picture of its kind. The theme generally is designed to demonstrate to Americans that the casual attitude of their British cousins conceals steel nerves, and to their British cousins that the braggadochio of the Americans can conceal a very cold purpose. International relations are further assisted by a pair of pretty girls, Carla Lehmann and Betty Stockfield.

First-class entertainment.

DANGER SIGNAL (Lee)

Stars: Faye Emerson and Zachary Scott.

Story: Tells of the bitter consequences of a tragic triangle in which two sisters are in competition for the same man. An absorbing drama, built round the relentless execution of a girl's plans for revenge, and based upon Phyllis Bottome's novel of the same name. For Rosemary De Camp it is her first appearance as a prosperous young sophisticate and the smoothness of the performance is impressive.

NEVER SAY GOOD-BYE

(Majestic)

Stars: Eleanor Parker and Errol Flynn.

Story: Concerned with the giddy complications which attach to Philip Gayley (Errol Flynn) and his estranged wife when they meet and fall in love for the second time. Errol Flynn reveals himself in something of a new role, that of a comedian, while Miss Parker does extremely well as a fluffy romantic. Excellent comedy.

THE WOMAN ON THE BEACH

(King's)

Stars: Joan Bennett, Robert Ryan and Charles Bickford.

Story: Set against a background of isolation and marine grandeur, this is a drama about a restless woman, her mind and heart and a romantic young coast-guard officer who is torn between the two worlds.

out awkwardly can distort a player's entire appearance on a two dimensional screen. In acting for the screen, therefore, a player must underplay; he must think, more and 'do' less than he would in the theatre.

For this reason rehearsals at the Company of Youth are not what most people would expect. Occasionally the students do take part in scenes from plays; but, more often, they improvise portrayals of imaginary situations thought up by the instructor. In this way they learn to get into the skin of the characters rather than to concentrate on their lines. This, of course, helps later when, in the studios, they have to preserve continuity of mood between shots between which there may be an interval of months. Sometimes there may be nothing of what is called 'dramatics' at all. The students may just be sitting around and watching something—an imaginary game of tennis, perhaps.

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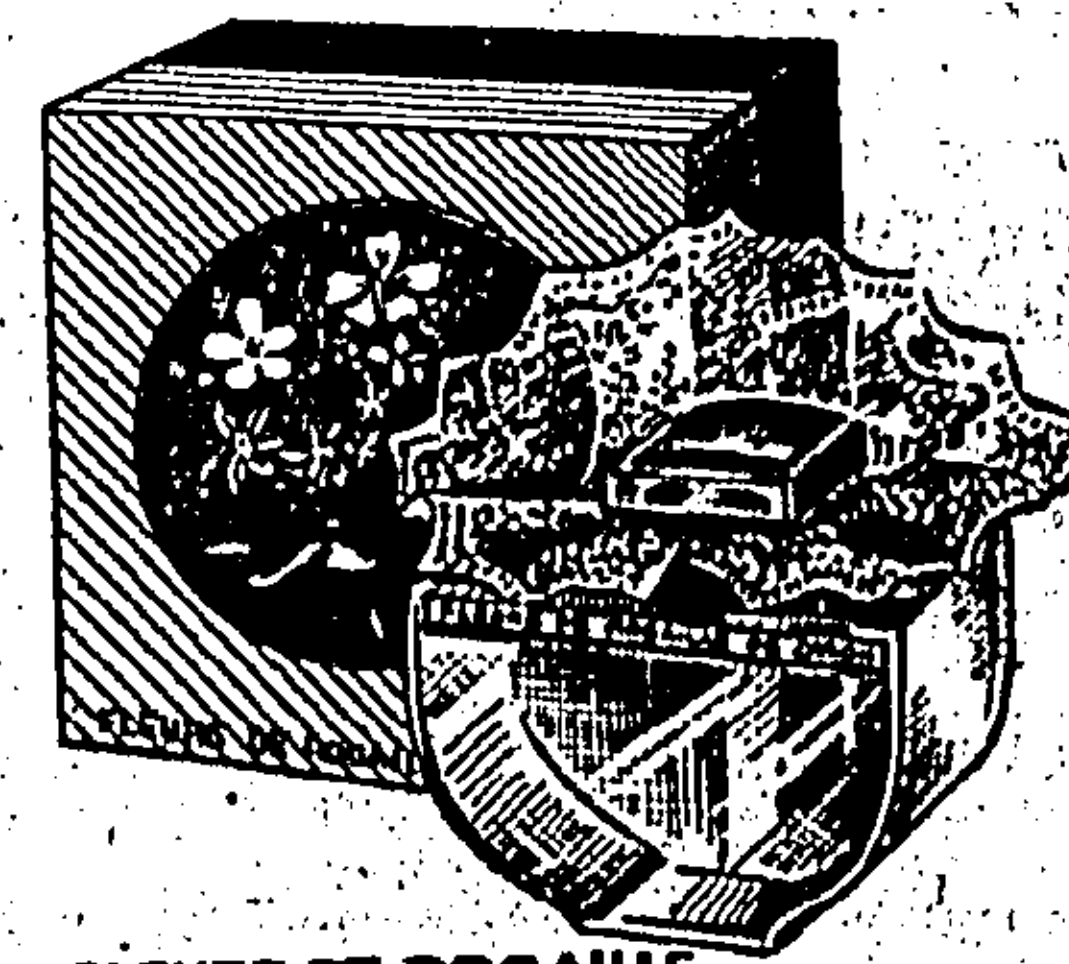
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PLAN FOR PRESS FREEDOM

World Council Of Information Proposed

Condemnation Of Censorship

Geneva, Mar. 31.

The creation of a World Council of Information to issue corrections of false reports issued by the press, radio and films, was proposed today by France.

The suggestion formed part of a six-point plan for press freedom and the restriction of false reports placed before the United Nations Conference which is meeting here to discuss freedom of information.

M. Jean Le Tournau, the French delegate, said the Council would also provide journalists with international press cards, giving them the right to special facilities in foreign countries.

The plan proposed:

1.—Insistence on non-discrimination against journalists and newspapers.

2.—Condemnation of all censorship in peacetime.

3.—The production of measures to prevent the organisation of "monopolies, cartels and other arrangements which result in standardising sources of information, preventing citizens from learning all the versions of the facts reported and depriving them of multiplicity and variety of news."

earned his livelihood by journalism, to be submitted by the correspondent's trade union or similar professional body.

It is understood that both the British and American delegations oppose the idea of international press cards, fearing they might indirectly give Governments greater opportunity for discrimination against a correspondent.

Flow Of News

The British delegation tonight formally proposed an international convention to ban Government interference with the free flow of news and with the movements of correspondents.

The British draft convention provided:

1.—Freedom for all to import and receive information without Governmental interference.

2.—That there shall be no discrimination in the availability of the means of communication, which would watch over the application of international conventions on free information expected to result from the Conference.

3.—The provision of an international press card to be allotted by the Council and withdrawn for breaches of professional conduct.

4.—The right of international rectification. If newspapers refused to publish a Government rectification of mis-reported news, the International Council of Information would be responsible for giving it publicity, without pronouncing on its accuracy.

Details of the French proposals for a World Council of Information were published tonight.

The Council will consist of 15 members elected by the United Nations Economic and Social Council from candidates submitted by their Governments.

Britain Opposed

The members would be chosen for their professional qualities and would represent the geographical divisions of the world. The executive powers of the Council would be vested in a permanent committee of three members elected for five years and responsible only to the Council.

The Council would be set up under the terms of a convention which would bind all signatory states to observance of its rules.

Its permanent committee would issue international press cards on presentation of two documents: the first certifying the correspondent's employment, to be submitted by the newspaper, radio or film organisation concerned, and the second certifying that the correspondent

"UNITY OF BONDAGE" UNDER RED YOKE

Berlin, Mar. 31.

Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor, declared today that four-power agreement on the unification of Germany was impossible unless Russia gave up its attempts to impose Communist "bondage" upon Germany.

Sir Brian, addressing a meeting of the American University Club in Berlin, referred to Russia's plan for Germany as a "unity of bondage under the Communist yoke."

"The Western Powers have made many great concessions in the hope of reaching a peaceful agreement," he said, "but that is one thing we cannot and will not grant."

The British Occupation Chief continued:-

"Communism in the Soviet Union is all right. But we certainly cannot permit Communism to be imposed upon Germany in her present position."

NEWSPAPERS BY RADIO

Miami, Mar. 31.
The Miami Herald announced today the start of the first fully automatic facsimile transmission of news and pictures by frequency modulation radio.

An attachment to the home radio, taking up about as much space as a record player, delivers a continuous series of letter-size pages of printed news and photographs.

Four facsimile editions are delivered daily, totalling 20 pages. No paid advertising has yet been carried.—Reuter.

terchange between their countries of foreign correspondents and that they shall deal quickly with correspondents' demands for visas.

Albania Accuses

The convention expressly excused Governments from its observance:

1.—Where the balance of payments of a state is imperilled.

2.—Where a Government wishes to refuse the entry into its territories of a particular person.

3.—In time of war.

Disputes between states over the interpretation of the convention would be referred to the International Court of Justice.

The Albanian delegate today accused world news agencies of spreading false and "ridiculous" information about Albania. He said, Reuter, Associated Press and United Press had all given false reports about the "Free Democratic Government of Greece" which they had at various times stated to be in Albania, Northern Greece and Bulgaria.—Reuter.

Chinese Plot In Siam

Bangkok, Mar. 31.

The chief of the Siamese police said here today that he would issue an official statement shortly about a reported Chinese plot to seize power in Siam.

Bangkok Radio today quoted the police chief as saying the Siamese police were "already aware of the plot" and that investigations were now being expedited.

The Siamese Prime Minister, Nai Khuang Abhaiwongse, said the Government were resolved to take "drastic action" if the reports of a plot were substantiated by the police enquiry.

Mr. Li-Yao Secretary General of the Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalists) in Siam, said yesterday that the Party knew nothing about the alleged plot.

He declined to discuss whether Chinese Communist elements, active in Siam, were involved in any such affair. "I think it is a crazy idea. No sane Chinese would subscribe to it," he added.—Reuter.

Law Aimed At Lewis

Washington, Mar. 31.

Congressman Fred Hartley, New Jersey Republican, introduced legislation today to make labour unions subject to prosecution under the anti-trust laws. It is admittedly aimed at Mr. John L. Lewis, leader of the striking United Mineworkers' Union.

The bill, a proposed amendment to the Taft-Hartley Labour Management Act, would make it unlawful for labour unions to combine in restraint of trade.

The House of Representatives has approved similar legislation twice, but it never became law.

Congressman Hartley is co-author of the labour law bearing his name.

At present, labour unions are free from the anti-trust laws which forbid business firms to set up restraints on trade, fix prices or foster monopoly.

Almost 400,000 soft coal miners have been out for 16 days, in a dispute over pensions.—Reuter.

Startling Find In Jew Camp

Jerusalem, Apr. 1.

A considerable amount of police clothing, military equipment and arms and ammunition were found at the Athlit Clearance Camp, some 70 miles South of Haifa, when British Security Forces carried out a search there.

The police stated today that 700 Jewish prisoners and political detainees are at present interned in Athlit Camp.

It is believed that the illegal stores were smuggled in a number of boxes fitted with false bottoms, which were found during the search.

The munitions included 31 "shaving stick" type of bombs, 28 flash bombs with igniters, 28 made up anti-personnel bomb igniters, 29 detonators with 4 second fuses, 5 pistols and ammunition.

There were also shovels, hand-cuffs, truncheons and fake prison service badges, as well as maps, weapon training pamphlets and illegal literature.

Three persons were found missing at roll call.—Associated Press.

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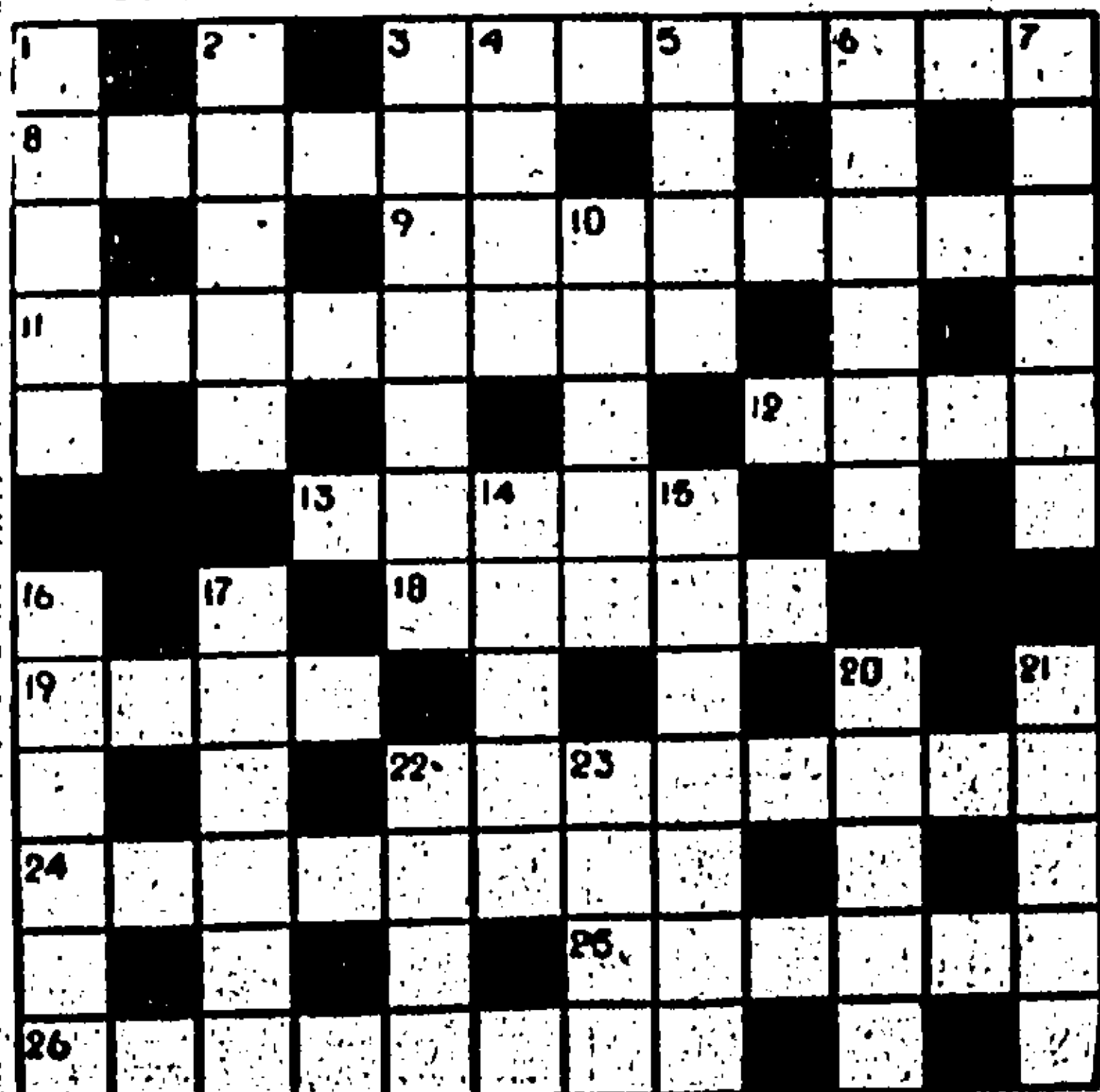
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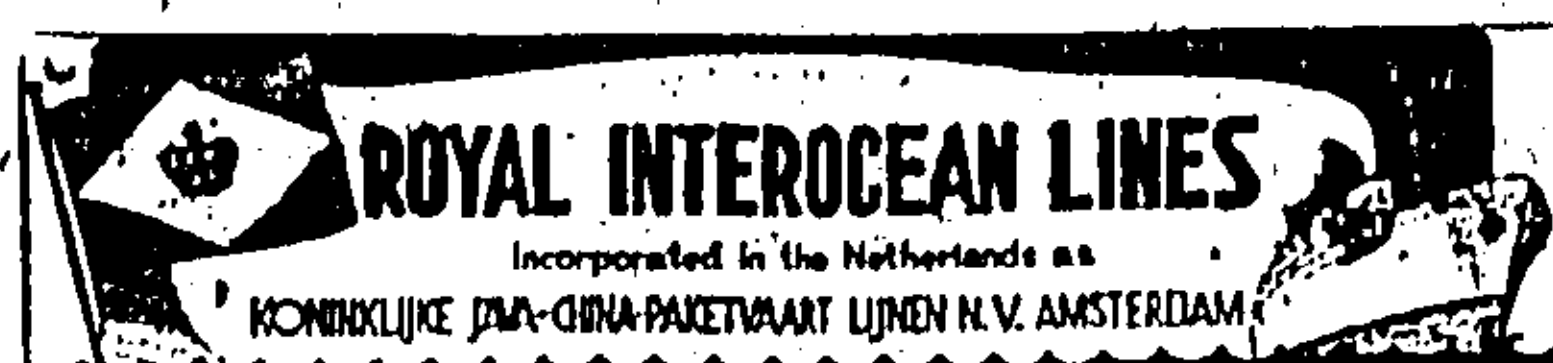
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Japanese Buying Of Wool

Canberra, Mar. 31.

Australia is on the point of reaching a tripartite trade agreement with the Supreme Command of the Allied Powers in Japan and the United Kingdom Government.

Under the agreement Japan will be permitted to buy up to 50,000 bales of wool annually from Australia, a ministerial source told the Associated Press on Wednesday.

Prolonged negotiations have taken place to reach arrangements satisfactory to Australia for payment by Japan. It is reported that the principle to be followed in the proposed agreement will be to ensure that total Japanese purchases balance with her exports to Australia.

This is designed to avoid currency problems that would arise if Japan were permitted to build up an adverse trade balance.

Opposition

The proposed arrangement represents an increase in wool purchases from 7,000 bales, sold by Australia to Japan last year.

The source said that imports to be accepted by Australia in payment for wool would be chiefly raw cotton, textiles and silk.

Australia has already purchased large quantities of rayon and silk exceeding one quarter million pounds in value from Japan.

Japan will be required to buy on the Australian wool market through Australian buyers. Some opposition by wool interests to large imports of Japanese raw cotton is anticipated but the Government view is that these imports provide the only means of exchange by which Australian wool can be sold to the Japanese market.

Associated Press.

Britain's Sore Spot

New York, Mar. 31.

The Saturday Evening Post, whose editorial opinions reflect those of big business favouring "free enterprise," says in a leader in its current issue that the French "devaluation of the franc will eventually dictate a similar course for England."

In a leader entitled "Britain's Sore Spot," the magazine declared: "That country cannot indefinitely function as a link between the dollar and the pound long after the ratio has ceased to be recognized in the free market."

The first effect of devaluation would undoubtedly be to increase the cost of British imports, but there would also be a new stimulus to Britain's exports which would earn at least some of the dollars which Britain needs.

Reuter.

Bogota, Mar. 31.

Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, has issued instructions to the State Department at Washington to make every effort to kill the inclusion of Spain in the House of Representatives measure for Marshall aid. Reuters learned authoritatively today.

Hunt For Radio Stations

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

The local garrison authorities will immediately start a new city-wide hunt for secret radio stations used by speculating local merchants for the communication of illegal commercial intelligence—black market gold rates—it was learned today.

The investigation is to be made with the assistance of the economic police department.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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S/S "ANDRE LEBON" Reg. June

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Pusan 4 p.m. 2nd April
"YUNNAN" Singapore 10 a.m. 4th April
"SHENGKING" Shanghai 4 p.m. 5th April
"HANYANG" Amoy, Foochow
& Tientsin 10 a.m. 7th Apr.
"TSINAN" Swatow, Saigon
& Bangkok 3 p.m. 8th Apr.
"SZECHUEN" Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya
Macassar 4 p.m. 8th April
"FOOCHOW" Japan Ports 4th week in Apr.
"NINGHAI" Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM
"NEWCHUANG" Bangkok p.m. 2nd April
"SHENGKING" Shanghai 7 a.m. 3rd April
"HANYANG" Tientsin, Foochow
& Shanghai 3rd April
"SZECHUEN" Bangkok, Saigon
& Swatow a.m. 4th April
"FOOCHOW" Japan, Shanghai 6th April
"YOOCHOW" Java, Singapore 10th April

CANTON RIVER LINE
"FATSHAN" Sails 10.00 a.m. 2nd April.
Arrives 10.30 a.m. 3rd April.
"WUBUEN" Arrives 7.00 a.m. 2nd April.
Sails 7.00 a.m. 5th April.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

U.K. SERVICE

Arrivals from
"TENG 1404" U.K. via Straits 11th April
"MARON" U.K. via Straits 13th April

Sailings to
"TITAN" Oran, Tangier,
& Liverpool via Port Said
Genoa, Marseilles, Havre,
and Glasgow via Port Said
Liverpool via Port Said 9th April
"ACHILLES" 22nd April
"GLAUCUS" 3rd week April

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Arrivals from
"ACHILLES" U.K. via U.S.A.
Manila and Shanghai 18th April

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Sailings to
"SOOCHOW" Sydney & Melbourne end April

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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals From

Apr. 4, BOAC (Capt. Simco)

2 p.m. Manila

April 2, Cathay Pacific, 12.30

p.m. April 3, Cathay Pacific, 12.30

p.m. Shanghai

April 2, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

April 4, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Canton

H.K. Airways, four times

daily: 10.55 a.m. 1.05 p.m. 3.35

p.m., 5.55 p.m.

Singapore

April 3, BOAC (Capt. Briggs)

3 p.m. April 5, BOAC (Capt. Carey)

4 p.m. Singapore via Bangkok

April 4, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

April 7, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Iwakuni

April 3, BOAC (Capt. Stead) 3

p.m. San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam,

Manila)

April 3, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m. April 7, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m. San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam,

Okinawa, Shanghai)

April 8, Pan-American, 4.45

p.m. April 15, Pan-American, 4.45

p.m. Saigon

April 2, Air France, 2 p.m.

Departures To:

Poole via Bangkok

April 4, BOAC (Capt. Stead)

8 a.m. Manila

April 5, Cathay Pacific, 2.30

p.m. Singapore via Bangkok

April 2, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

April 5, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.

April 4, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Canton

H.K. Airways, four times

daily: 9 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 1.40

p.m., 4 p.m.

Iwakuni

April 2, BOAC, 6.00 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam,

Manila)

April 5, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam,

Okinawa, Manila)

April 2, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

April 8, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam,

Okinawa, Manila)

April 5, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

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ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Hankow (Liaison), from United Kin-

dom, Birkha, B. Booy

Christie, Birkha (Wm. Hunt), 5.15 a.m.

From Tientsin, Capt. K. Andersen,

A.

Huang Hsing (C.M.B.N.), 9.59 a.m. from

Bangkok, Capt. Wang Hao, R.C.

Pres. Philmore (A.P.L.), from United

States, Shanghai, K. Whit

Bhapur (Bank Line), 1.00 a.m. from

Calcutta, Capt. H. Andersen

May, Wm.

Tjimon (R.I.L.), 4.18 a.m. from

Kobe, Capt. W. Krens, A14

Van Heuts (R.I.L.), 4.48 a.m. from

Wing Swan, Amoy, Capt. S.A. Vink, A19

Reclung, Shanghai, Capt. H.H. Gold-

Jard

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Christie Birkha for Manila.

Gastierkerk for Cebu.

Hai Chao for Swatow.

Hai Yang for Swatow.

Huang Hsing for Canton.

Henson for Manila, B.K.

Reclung for Shanghai.

ARRIVALS TODAY

Fleetwood (U.S.L.) from San Francisco, A1

Golden State from New York, A5

Los Angeles (U.S.L.) from New York, A5

Pres. Tyler from U.S. and Shanghai, A15

Tainan from Swatow, A15

DEPARTURES TODAY

Fleetwood for San Francisco.

Pres. Tyler for Pacific Coast.

Van Heuts for Java.

Wo Sang for Calcutta.

VESSLS IN PORT

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